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NEWS FROM TOWER HAMLETS COUNCIL AND YOUR COMMUNITY

BEST EVER GRADES FOR OUR SCHOOLS

BY NATHAN AKEHURST

NEW figures show Tower Hamlets pupils are achieving record levels of success at school.

The council's cabinet was presented with a report on Tuesday, February 2, highlighting a continuing trend in rising educational achievement in the borough.

In spite of considerable social and economic challenges, and national changes including fewer options to re-sit exams and the deletion of some subjects, Tower Hamlets

continues to outperform neighbouring boroughs and the national average.

Three quarters of pupils achieved the expected level of progress between key stages 2

and 4 in maths, while 80 per cent met English progression targets. This is seven points above the national average and an 18 per cent improvement on statistics from 2009.

The figures also show the borough's best performance ever for 18-year-olds and a strong improvement in attainment for vocational subjects, which is well above the national average.

Tower Hamlets maintained a 98 per cent A-level pass rate, with a rise in the percentage of those achieving A*-C

grades, while GCSE results also improved faster than the national average.

The cabinet resolved to continue to try and raise attainment for those groups whose results are lower than the average.

Many schools saw significant improvements in results with a number, including Bethnal Green Academy and Swanlea, reporting their best ever grades.

Mayor John Biggs said: "I'm incredibly proud of everyone involved in making our education a national success story."

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WARM WELCOME FOR WALLIAMS



Comedian, author and Britain's Got Talent judge David Walliams joined fellow bookworms at Cyril Jackson School to see how pupils were getting on with their reading. See page 11 for the full story.



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Solemn occasion

Holocaust Memorial Day has been marked in the UK since 2001, with events on or around January 27.



A vision of hell

Auschwitz-Birkenau was the largest of the German Nazi concentration camps and extermination centres. More than 1.1 million men, women and children were murdered there.

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Borough remembers victims of Holocaust

BY SHALINA HUSSAIN

A SERIES of events took place in Tower Hamlets to mark Holocaust Memorial Day.

The day, on January 27, commemorates the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau camp in 1945.

Auschwitz-Birkenau was a Nazi death camp where millions of people suffered and died during the Second World War.

Holocaust Memorial Day is now a day for everyone to remember not only the six million Jews murdered by the Nazis, but also the millions of others who were killed.

It also commemorates those who have died in subsequent genocides around the world.

The theme this year was Don't Stand By.

This key message supports an ongoing fight against hatred and discrimination and encourages diverse communities to celebrate tolerance and understanding.

An interfaith service took place at the East London Central Synagogue in Whitechapel on Sunday, January 24.

The service was led by Leon Silver, synagogue president, and seven candles were lit in memory of those who died and suffered in concentration camps.

The event featured music, poetry, readings and reflections from a number of community leaders and guests from different faiths.



Henry Glanz lights a candle watched by Mayor John Biggs, Prof Maxwell Hutchinson and Father Chris Dieckmann from St Boniface Anglo German Catholic Church



Candles at the service



Cellist Francesca Ter-Berg



Leon Silver

Prior to the service, a heritage walk took place uncovering the Jewish East End.

Mayor John Biggs said: "It is important to take time out of our busy lives to remember

the many lives lost during the Holocaust and genocides across the world, and work to ensure this does not happen again.

"Where there is injustice we cannot stand silently by and need to help those who are suffering needlessly."

Other events included an exhibition at the Brady Arts Centre. The Boys: Triumph over Adversity was on loan from the Jewish Museum and the information panels on display told of how a number of young Holocaust survivors rebuilt their lives.

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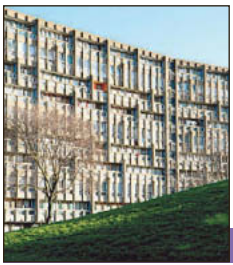
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Right to Buy will help fund homes

The borough has secured £7 million from its Right to Buy receipts and will work with housing associations to deliver around 70 affordable new homes in the borough.

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Twenty years ago

Two people were killed when the IRA detonated a bomb in South Quay on the Isle of Dogs on February 9, 1996.

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£7m boost for social housing

BY MICHAEL DIOP

THE council has secured £7 million to help build much-needed social housing in the borough.

The money comes from Right to Buy receipts and will be used alongside investment from local housing associations to deliver around 70 new homes.

Despite large numbers of properties being built in Tower Hamlets in recent years, the council is concerned that most are too expensive for most residents to rent or buy.

The council currently has almost 21,000 people on its housing waiting list.

Mayor John Biggs launched the fund with Cllr Rachel Blake, cabinet member for strategic development, at a meeting attended by more than 20 representatives from housing associations.

The scheme will be known as the Local Authority Grant Fund for Registered Providers. Initial funding should deliver around 70 new homes for affordable rent.

To be eligible for funding, housing associations must have extensive experience in developing affordable housing.

They will also be required to

have the necessary finances in place and be on the Homes and Communities Agency list of registered providers.

The new homes built will only be available to people on the council's waiting list.

Following the meeting, the council received 12 expressions of interest from housing associations.

Successful bids will be judged against delivering the most affordable homes, offering secure tenancies and providing a proportion of homes designed for residents with disabilities.

The grant, which will provide up to 30 per cent of the total development cost, is time limited by the government. Successful bids need to deliver the new homes by the end of 2017.

The council needs to spend the receipts quickly otherwise the money must be paid, with interest, to the government.

Cllr Rachel Blake said: "This scheme represents an innovative approach to dealing with what remains one of the biggest issues the borough faces."

Mayor John Biggs said: "We will do all we can to support delivery of much-needed homes."

"This scheme allows us to reinvest money from Right to Buy back into the borough."



MOTHER Bernadette Hegarty is not looking to heaven for inspiration. The vicar of St Paul's, Bow Common, reached skywards by scaling scaffolding around the church to raise funds for much-needed repairs. In the summer of 2013, internal roofing slabs fell off the church. The congregation launched a successful appeal to the Heritage Lottery Fund and set out to raise money to repair the roof, electrics, rainwater drainage and other elements of the 60-year-old building. Reverend Hegarty, who drew a crowd of onlookers when she went up on the roof on January 20, said there was still much more work to be done. For more information or to support the repair fund, go to www.stpaulsbowcommon.org.uk

Burglar hunted

DETECTIVES investigating a burglary have issued a CCTV picture of a man they wish to speak to.

Police were called at around 6.40am on Wednesday, January 6, to a report of a burglary at a food and wine store on Hackney Road in Bethnal Green.

Cash and tobacco were stolen in the raid, between 2-5.20am.

The suspect (pictured) is in his 30s and 6ft tall. He was wearing a dark blue hooded top with a white stripe in the middle of the hood, an Adidas tracksuit and light brown shoes.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact police via 101 quoting reference number 201015 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



Schools' best ever grades

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Mayor Biggs added: "These figures represent a huge amount of work by children, parents, teachers and the council."

"In the coming years we'll keep the progress going by creating more school places, supporting our schools and developing strategies to help those who have historically achieved less well."

Cllr Rachael Saunders, cabinet member for education and children's services, added: "A good education remains key to helping Tower Hamlets achieve its high level of social mobility."

"Last year our economic success was the highest on record and that is, in no small part, down to our children getting a good start early on."

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- All residents welcome

For further information please phone Jon Shapiro on 07811 482731 or email jon.shapiro@o2.co.uk

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Safer cycling in sight

The council's cycling strategy sets out 30 pledges to increase the number of people cycling and reduce its risks.

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Music hall comeback enjoys royal approval

BY JESSICA ODUBAYO

STAFF, volunteers and members of the local community welcomed The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall to Wilton's Music Hall in Wapping.

The royal guests officially re-opened the entertainment venue on January 28 after its £4 million refurbishment.

The Prince is patron of Wilton's, which is the world's oldest surviving grand music hall. He and the duchess met historians and architects involved in the repair and conservation project.

Guests watched a variety performance compered by actor, musician and theatre director Simon Callow CBE, featuring a Victorian magic show by Morgan and West, a cabaret number by pianist Gwyneth Herbert and singer Frances Ruffelle, and a music



Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall opened the newly refurbished Wilton's

hall piece by father and son Barry and Bob Cryer.

Holly Kendrick, executive director at Wilton's, said: "We were absolutely delighted to welcome The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall.

"Wilton's is a sensational historic venue for the modern day in the heart of the East

End, and a celebrated home of culture and community.

"After a lengthy transitional period, Wilton's is officially back on the map and we are all tremendously excited."

The refurbishment was funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and contributions from well-wishers and charitable trusts.

New council cycle strategy wheeled out

TOWER Hamlets hopes to become one of the easiest and safest places to cycle across London.

The council has published a new cycling strategy following a consultation with more than 400 residents and visitors who were entered into a prize draw.

Victoria Webster, of Mile End, was selected at random and rode home with the prize – a Brompton bicycle worth £1,000.

The strategy sets out the council's plans and aspirations to make cycling more popular between now and 2025.

Since the previous strategy was created, Transport for London (TfL) has introduced the Cycle Hire Scheme and two new Cycle Superhighways.

In recent years, there has been an increase in the number of people cycling. By encour-



Victoria Webster receives her bicycle from Cllr Chesterton

aging journeys by bike, it is hoped the growing population can be healthier and benefit from less polluted roads.

The biggest barrier to cycling

is the fear of other road vehicles so the council will introduce better cycle lanes, extend training and create more bicycle parking spaces.

The strategy sets out 30 pledges, which will contribute to increasing the number of cyclists and reduce the risks.

Borough cycling champion Cllr Dave Chesterton said: "This new strategy is vital to delivering our overarching ambition to make cycling the first choice for travelling for most people.

"We are committed to working with TfL to encourage more people to use their bicycles and will be bringing forward some innovative schemes as soon as possible to show that we mean to deliver on this strategy."

You can view the strategy by visiting www.towerhamlets.gov.uk

News in brief

Mayor launches boiler scheme

THE Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, has launched a scheme which will offer £400 to help homeowners and landlords replace their old boilers with new, energy efficient models.

To qualify for the scheme, boilers must be the main source of heating in the house, in full working order and running at 70 per cent or less efficiency.

Homeowners and accredited private landlords are urged to seek at least three quotes from certified installers. They must then complete an online application form in order to receive a voucher, which will be valid for 12 weeks.

Installation work needs to be completed in this time in

order to qualify for the money.

For more information, including details of how to apply and the terms and conditions of the scheme, visit www.london.gov.uk/boilers

Football for all

EAST End Phoenix Football Club, created in 2008 to meet the needs of East and North London's LGBT community, is inviting new players to forge friendships and social connections while building up the LGBT sporting community.

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Local publican John Fell, who runs The Old Ship in Limehouse, sponsors the club.

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Proposed changes to Cable Street

Full details of council proposals designed to alleviate the number of vehicles cutting through Cable Street to avoid congestion on The Highway are being sent to 5,000 addresses in the area.

EMAIL YOUR COMMENTS TO CYCLING@TOWERHAMLETS.GOV.UK

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Your views count

I WOULD like to thank everyone who took time out to come along to the first mayoral assembly at Swanlea School.

I was pleased to see so many residents were keen to find out more about the plans to transform Whitechapel by creating more jobs and opportunities for local businesses, diversifying the town centre and delivering high-quality public spaces.

We need to look hard at this to try to improve the current plans, but big change will come with the new Crossrail station. The station alone will bring in £1 billion in investment.

We are also working with Barts NHS Trust and Queen Mary University to deliver an exciting new Life Science campus. More contentious will be the plans by developers for residential towers.

We are keen to improve all of the town centres across the borough. There will be a support programme, which will include enhancement of shop fronts and public spaces, community events and activities.

Launched last month, our housing amnesty aims to recover illegally sublet social housing and stamp out fraud, which costs residents millions of pounds a year.

It sits alongside our smart ways of hunting down those breaking the law and freeing up homes for those on our waiting list – be warned! The



 **MAYOR OF TOWER HAMLETS**

amnesty runs until March 6.

The council's budget will be discussed with all parties at full council on February 24. The proposals reflect feedback that residents gave us during the Your Borough, Your Voice consultation. Thanks to those of you who replied.

As a result, the proposal to reduce Sunday Idea Store opening will not be progressed, as is also the case with a couple of other proposed savings. But have no illusions – next year's budget will need even tougher choices than this one.

The government has assumed that councils will increase council tax by 2 per cent a year to support adult social care services. We are planning to do this, and I am proposing a further, hopefully one-off, rise this year. This increase will be cushioned by a cut in the money City Hall asks for and I will work hard to keep the pressure on saving you money, while protecting your services, in future.

Mayor John Biggs

News in brief

Making Cable Street safer

THE council is consulting with the public about making changes to traffic movements in and around Cable Street.

The proposals are designed to alleviate the number of vehicles cutting through Cable Street to avoid congestion on The Highway.

Vehicles use Brodlove Lane and Cable Street as a 'rat run' to travel from The Highway to Butcher Row.

The changes to be considered include one-way parts of Cable Street.

A new bus lane will be created on a short section of the road between Sutton Street and Watney Street. This will be supported by the closure of the north end of King David Lane to motor vehicles.

Proposals include widening the cycle lane for those travelling against the traffic, with cyclists travelling the other way joining the main flow. The area between Shadwell Overground and DLR stations and Sutton Street will be redesigned to give priority to pedestrians.

The proposals will also see the introduction of pocket parks and improved community spaces.

Full details are being sent to 5,000 addresses on Cable Street and in the surrounding area. Email your feedback to cycling@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Grants for arts events

ARTS and community organisations can apply for grants to put on events and festivals. The council's events fund is open for applications to support a wide range of projects, including film or community festivals, and music, dance and theatre events.

Funding is allocated month by month. Events must be arts based and accessible.

Organisations must be fully constituted and should raise match funding



Local people enjoyed a free street food festival in Whitechapel on January 28. Nourish Whitechapel featured street food (including Bapstars, left), drinks stalls and musical entertainment. The festival also included information on the reshaping of Whitechapel town centre, including plans to deliver up to 3,500 new homes and 5,000 jobs.

from elsewhere. To apply for a grant visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/arts and type Event Fund into the search.

Deadline for applications for April events is February 11.

For more information email festivalsandevents@towerhamlets.gov.uk

New licence for landlords

THE council will implement a private sector landlord licensing scheme in parts of borough.

The new scheme applies to all private landlords in the wards of Spitalfields and Banglatown, Weavers and Whitechapel from October 1.

This means private landlords will need

to obtain a licence from the council before a property can be rented out.

The council is restricted to areas where it can implement a landlord licensing scheme due to recent government changes.

The council may consider a further licensing scheme to cover houses in multiple occupation (HMO) across the whole borough, but is awaiting the outcome of recent government consultation.

The council wants to use this licensing scheme to tackle anti-social behaviour, deal with poor housing standards and assist in improving the management of privately rented accommodation.

Application forms for landlords to obtain a licence will be available nearer the time when the designation comes into force.

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Please come along so that we can hear your views on this proposal.

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A balanced budget to battle austerity

"No one wants to see council tax rises but we need to find a way of funding the services that are most important to our residents."

MAYOR JOHN BIGGS, BELOW

Making new friends

The Ladies' Circle raises money for charity, alongside providing friendship and new activities for its members.

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Commission sets clear standards

TOWER Hamlets overview and scrutiny transparency commission has published a report to help the council reach a 'gold standard' of accountability.

The commission's findings were informed by evidence from the mayor, council officers, journalists, trade unions and professional experts.

The commission also asked for residents' views through a public consultation.

Recommendations from the report include:

- encouraging officers to share more information publicly;
- including residents in decisions about how to spend money paid by developers;
- making it easier to get involved in the work of council committees;
- exploring offering weekly emails with information on planning and licensing applications;
- exploring publishing more data in more useable formats.

Commission chair Cllr John



Mayor John Biggs and Cllr John Pierce with the report

Pierce presented the report on January 29.

"As an organisation, we need to be committed to the highest standards of transparency and value openness," Cllr Pierce said.

"Implementing these recommendations will empower individuals, the media, civil society and businesses to achieve better outcomes for themselves and for our public services."

Mayor budgets for key services

BY SUSAN MULLIGAN

BUDGET proposals were agreed at the council's cabinet meeting on Tuesday, February 2.

Mayor John Biggs is submitting detailed budget proposals to a full council meeting on February 24.

The proposals set out a balanced budget and respond to funding reductions from central government, while supporting key local services.

The draft budget also includes a number of growth proposals including investment to tackle anti-social behaviour, improve street cleansing services, meet the costs of increased demand for waste

services and adult social care.

The proposals have been informed by feedback from residents in the Your Borough, Your Voice public consultation.

There are some important revisions to original proposals. Neither the proposal to save £93k by reducing or stopping Sunday Idea Store opening or one to reduce corporate match funding by £246k were included.

A saving of £241k from the review of day services for older people will only be progressed once a suitable alternative has been found for service users affected.

The draft budget proposes an increase in council tax of 3.99 per cent, 2 per cent of which will cover some of the

costs of adult social care.

Mayor Biggs said: "No one wants to see council tax rises but we need to find a way of funding the services that are most important to our residents."

"This budget aims to help more residents in to good-quality, well-paid jobs; to help young people realise their potential and to reduce inequality across the borough."

"Despite wider austerity challenges, we are committed to the ongoing provision of high quality, local services."

Cllr David Edgar, cabinet member for resources, said: "There are ongoing funding challenges that all councils face. However, this budget supports aspiration and tackles poverty."

News in brief

Community funds

MANAGERS of a new regeneration fund are seeking applications from community groups and charities.

The Bishopsgate Goodyard Fund, developed by Hammerson and property developer Ballymore, is managed by the East End Community Foundation.

Eligible organisations in Tower Hamlets and Hackney are encouraged to apply for up to £5,000 worth of funding.

The deadline for applications is 12 noon on Tuesday, March 29.

Special consideration will be given to projects near the goodyard site in Bethnal Green. For information on how to apply, visit www.eastendcf.org

Volunteer for fun

A CHARITABLE group for women is looking for new members

interested in forming friendships built around support, trust and having fun – while giving back to the community.

Essex & East London Ladies' Circle meets in various locations on the second Wednesday of every month.

For more details, go to www.facebook.com/EssexAndEastLondonLadiesCircle

Quality of care

THREE organisations offering adult social care have been given official ratings by the Care Quality Commission (CQC), the independent regulator of health and social care in England.

Providence Row Housing Association in Bethnal Green has been rated good; Sanctuary Care Limited has been rated as requiring improvement; and Qalb Short Break Services Ltd in Spitalfields is also rated as requiring improvement.

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Patients help in cancer research

News from Barts Health NHS Trust

PATIENTS with pancreatic cancer being cared for at The Royal London Hospital are among the first in the UK to donate their tissue for research into the UK's deadliest cancer.

Barts Health is supporting the new national Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund Tissue Bank, which brings together experts such as surgeons, pathologists and oncologists to co-ordinate a national – and ultimately international – resource to develop treatments. With a survival rate of just 3 per cent, research is essential in order to save lives.

Surgery offers the best chance; without it the average survival time from diagnosis is six months. Around 8,800 people in the UK are diagnosed with the cancer each year.

Patients with diseases of the pancreas undergoing biopsy or surgery will be offered the opportunity to take part by donating samples of tissue, blood, urine and saliva.

The tissue bank has been driven by Professor Hemant Kocher, pancreatic cancer researcher at Barts Cancer Institute, Queen Mary University of London (QMUL) and consultant pancreas and liver surgeon at the Royal London.

Prof Kocher said: “At the moment we can help only a small proportion of patients with surgery.

“For the majority of those diagnosed and for those who see their cancer return even after surgery, there's very little else we can offer.

“Many proteins associated with pancreatic cancer are also found in blood, urine and saliva, so having these materials from patients alongside the tissue samples can help us to find ways to diagnose the disease at an earlier, curative stage.”

Based at Barts Cancer Institute (QMUL), the tissue bank will

be funded with £2 million from the Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund.

Working initially with six UK hospitals, including Barts Health, the tissue bank aims to collect samples from around 1,000 new patients each year.

Fighting infections

FEWER patients with complicated infections are having to spend time in hospital, thanks to an innovative scheme at The Royal London Hospital.

It enables some patients with hard-to-treat infections to have antibiotics injected at home or as an outpatient.

So far it has prevented admission or reduced the length of a hospital stay for 450 people and freed up 1,200 hospital bed days since 2012.

The outpatient parenteral antimicrobial therapy (OPAT) service is provided by a team of nurses, infectious disease consultants and microbiologists.

So far 60 per cent of patients have chosen to receive treatment at home, with 40 per cent opting for outpatient care.

The OPAT team treats a range of conditions including lower-limb cellulitis and drug-resistant urinary tract infections, as well as chronic problems such as bone and joint infections.

Mark Melzer, infectious disease and microbiology consultant at Barts Health NHS Trust, said: “No one should be in a hospital bed unless they absolutely have to be.

“Patients often tell us that they are more comfortable when treated at home or as an outpatient, and their risk of hospital-acquired infections is reduced.”

People can be referred by GPs, fast-response team nurses or the hospital emergency department.

Patients on wards recovering from a severe infection can also be reviewed and if appropriate offered the rest of their treatment at home.

Chemist rota

Pharmacists in Tower Hamlets with extended opening hours.

E1

ABC Drug Stores, 12-14 Montague Street: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-5.30pm, Sun 10am-2.30pm.

Beck & Sherman, 197 Whitechapel Road: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-5.30pm, bank holidays 11am-1pm.

Sainsbury's, The Albion Brewery: Mon-Fri 8.30am-10pm, Sat 7.30am-10pm, Sun 11am-5pm.

Chapel, 139 Cannon Street: Mon-Fri 9am-8pm, Sat 9am-6pm.

E2

Fairdale, 360 Bethnal Green Road: Mon, Tues, Weds, Fri 9am-6.30pm, Thurs 9am-1pm, Sat 9am-6pm, bank holidays 11am-2pm.

Florida, 307 Bethnal Green Road: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-6pm, bank holidays 11am-2pm.

E3

Bell, 534 Roman Road: Mon-Sat 7am-11pm, Sun 10am-2pm.

Forward, 648 Mile End Road:

Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-6pm, Sun and bank holidays 10am-6pm.

Green Light, St Andrew's Health Centre, 2 Hannafor Walk: 8am-8pm, seven days a week, including bank holidays.

Lincoln, 60 St Paul's Way: Mon, Tues, Weds 8am-8pm, Thurs, Fri, 8am-8pm, Sat 9am-5pm.

Tesco, Hancock Road: Mon 8am-10.30pm, Tues-Fri 6.30am-10.30pm, Sat 6.30am-10pm, Sun 11am-4pm.

E14

Boots, Unit 15, Jubilee Place: Mon-Fri 7am-midnight, Sat

9am-6pm, Sun 12pm-6pm.
Britannia (Perimart), Asda Precinct, East Ferry Road: Mon-Sat 9am-8pm, Sun 11am-4pm, bank holidays 11am-6pm.

Doctors

Please ring your doctor's surgery for an appointment, but if it's the weekend or late at night, call 7377 7151 (only for people in Tower Hamlets who are registered with a doctor). To find a doctor, dentist or help to quit smoking call the health hotline on 7364 5016, Mon-Fri 8am-8pm and Sat 8am-4pm.

Advice

Family Information Service (FIS)

The Family Information Service provides information for people from birth to age 19 including helping parents and carers find high quality childcare, advice on tax credits and childcare vouchers. Open Mon-Fri, 8am-6pm. 30 Greatorex Street, E1. fis@towerhamlets.gov.uk 7364 6495

Tower Hamlets Home Birth Support Group
Last Thurs of each month, 8pm. 31 Ridgale Street, E3. 8981 1159

Parents Advice Centre (PAC)

Offers impartial advice around special educational needs (SEN). 30 Greatorex Street, E1. Drop-in sessions every Tues, 9.30am-3.30pm & Fri, 9.30am-3.30pm. 7364 6489

LinkAge Plus

Toynbee Hall is one of five network centres that co-ordinates services and activities provided. Mon-Fri from 9am-5pm, drop-in session for advice on benefits, pensions, employment and housing. Appointments necessary. Mon 9am-5pm, Bangladeshi group. Toynbee Hall, Commercial Street, E1. 7392 2914 www.toynbeehall.org.uk

Welfare advice

All the organisations listed below can help you with welfare benefits, housing and general debt problems.

Account 3
1-9 Birkbeck Street, E2. 7739 7720 www.account3.org.uk

Bangladesh Youth Movement
21-23 Henriques St, E1. 7488 1831/2

Bromley by Bow Centre
St Leonard's Street, E3. 8709 9737 www.bbbc.org.uk

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)
32 Greatorex Street, E1. 7247 1050 www.adviceguide.org.uk

Island Advice Centre
Island House, Roserton Street, Isle of Dogs, E14. 7987 9379 www.island-advice.org.uk

Legal Advice Centre
University House, 104 Roman Road, E2. 8980 4205 www.legaladvicecentre.org.uk

Limehouse Project
Cheadle Hall, Cheadle House,

Copenhagen Place, E14. 7538 0075 www.limehouseproject.org.uk

Praxis (New Residents Service)
Pott Street, E2. 7729 7985 www.praxis.org.uk

The Tower Hamlets Community Advice Network
THCAN is a partnership of local advice centres that provide free advice. www.thcan.org.uk

Tower Hamlets Law Centre
(specialist advice by appointment). Tower Hamlets Law Centre, Unit 1, St. Anne's Street, off 789-791 Commercial Road, E14. 7538 4909 www.thlc.co.uk

Debt advice

Toynbee Hall Advice Service
28 Commercial Street, E1. 7392 2953 advice@toynbeehall.org.uk www.toynbeehall.org.uk

Fair Money Advice
530 Commercial Road, E1. 7702 8032 www.fairfinance.org.uk

Island Advice Centre
Island House, Roserton Street Isle of Dogs, E14. 7987 9379 www.island-advice.org.uk

National Debt Line
0808 808 4000 www.nationaldebtline.co.uk



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Building relationships

The UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees and Skype developed My Voice My School to link classes in Damascus, Qabr Essit and Homs with schools in London and Brussels.

SEE BELOW

Leaving it late

The council's late-night levy will apply to businesses that sell alcohol between midnight and 6am.

News

Monkey magic

DON'T miss festivities to see in the Chinese Year of the Monkey.

Chinese New Year is celebrated across the world, with the biggest celebrations outside Asia taking place in London.

Events to mark the Year of the Monkey include a show at Rich Mix in Bethnal Green Road on Saturday, February 13.

Organised by the Chinese Association of Tower Hamlets, and supported by the council,

the show will include performances, arts and crafts workshops for children, charity stalls, food and drink, and a lion dance.

The fun starts at 12noon and runs until 4pm.

Mayor John Biggs said: "The Chinese Association of Tower Hamlets provides a valuable service, offering a lunch club for older people, welfare and benefit advice, and home care."

For more information, visit www.thchinese.org.uk



News in brief

Menopause Q&A

ANYONE with questions about the menopause can attend an information session.

The GP-led event takes place on Thursday, February 25 from 10.30-11.30am at the Mission Practice, 208 Cambridge Heath Road, Bethnal Green.

It will launch Hot Spots, a support group that will meet monthly at the Minerva Centre, 10 Minerva Street, E2.

For details email hotspotsgroup@gmail.com

Growth celebration

A CELEBRATION of food growers will take place on Wednesday, February 10, from 10.30am-3pm, at Southern Grove Community Centre, Yatton House, Southern Grove, Mile End.

The Women's Environmental Network and Eastend Homes event will feature a free lunch.

Oaklands pupils share hopes and dreams with Syrian kids

BY JESSICA ODUBAYO

AS world leaders gathered in London on February 4 to discuss the Syria crisis, students at a school in Bethnal Green were working with fellow pupils inside the war torn nation.

Through a series of Skype calls and community surveys, the My Voice My School project saw students at Oaklands School share heartache, insights, hopes and dreams with their counterparts in Syria.

"What do students need in Syria?" asked Oaklands teenagers. "We need love," replied Alaa Al Nabulsi, a 13-year-old student at Palestine School in Damascus.

"My Voice My School has



Children at Palestine School in Damascus

helped me to become a courageous person," fellow student, Jihan, said.

"I overcame my fears and met people from another place."

The groups worked to produce press releases featuring ideas for funding to provide Syrian pupils with a quality education.

Young people at Palestine School spoke of poverty and cash needed to help.

Hafsa, at Oaklands, was inspired by the counselling available to students in Damascus and is championing the idea of having a counsellor at her own school.

Levy to meet booze costs

A NEW late night levy has been proposed to help meet the costs of policing premises selling alcohol after midnight.

Views are being sought from residents and businesses about the additional charge, which would apply to all businesses that sell alcohol between midnight and 6am.

The government lets councils implement late-night levies to meet the costs of reducing alcohol-related crime and disorder.

Proposals would see businesses paying

between £5.75 and £85.38 per week, depending on their size.

The government is responsible for setting the amount of money a business must pay if a levy is introduced.

The levy will be collected by the council's environmental health and trading standards team. It is proposed that 70 per cent of revenue received will be given to the Mayor's Office of Policing and Crime, with the rest going to the council's community safety partnership.

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Do you know someone or a project who helped to make your area safer during 2015?

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- A.** Best Individual Achievement by a Young Person
- B.** Best Community Project
- C.** Best Community Voluntary Group
- D.** Best Community Volunteer
- E.** Best Partnership Officer/Team/Project

Tell us who they are and they could receive an award!

Deadline extended to midnight on Sunday 14 February
Nominate online at <http://bit.ly/1RG2L4J>

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Riveting reads at Halley and Woolmore

Children's author Sam Gayton opened the newly stocked libraries at Halley Primary School in Stepney and Woolmore Primary School in Poplar. He also read to the children and led workshops.

SEE BELOW



Join our club!

"I had a fantastic day at Cyril Jackson, meeting young bookworms."

DAVID WALLIAMS

Schools news

Bookworms welcome Walliams

Author and comedian visits Cyril Jackson School

BY JESSICA ODUBAYO

AUTHOR, comedian and Britain's Got Talent judge David Walliams visited Cyril Jackson Primary School to celebrate a milestone of his literacy campaign.

In August 2015, David and education secretary Nicky Morgan set out a plan to help make English students the most literate in Europe.

Two hundred school book clubs have been started since the launch of the campaign.

David and the BBC's One Show hosted a reading book challenge at the Limehouse

school, where two teams of children, the Reading Ninjas and the Brilliant Bookworms, went head-to-head in a quiz to answer questions about children's books and show their love for reading.

David also read from his new book, *Grandpa's Great Escape*, and became an honorary member of the book club for the day, talking to the children about the books they are reading and what they love about them.

"I am so proud of all our children and their love for reading," said Cyril Jackson head teacher Gillian Kemp.

David said: "I had a fantastic day at Cyril Jackson meeting

young bookworms. I'm thrilled that the campaign has inspired the launch of more than 200 new book clubs in schools.

"That's 200 more spaces where children can go to get stuck in to a good book and let their imagination run wild.

"At the centre of this campaign is the desire to get more children reading, so I'm pleased to see, firsthand, that it's not just the confident readers that are joining the clubs, but that they are opening up the joyful world of books to all."

David Walliams chats to members of Cyril Jackson's book club



CHILDREN'S author Sam Gayton joined guests from Canary Wharf Group, the borough's schools library service and governors at the opening of the newly stocked library at Halley Primary School in Stepney. A donation of £10,000 from Canary Wharf Group helped pay for new books and furniture. During his visit, Sam read to pupils and led writing workshops.

Sam also spent a day at Woolmore Primary School in Poplar, where he led an assembly and workshops (pictured right), before officially opening the school's new library.



Swanlea's on the money

SWANLEA School has been recognised as a centre of excellence in financial education.

Working with the Personal Finance Education Group, teachers at the Whitechapel school are trained to deliver personal finance lessons and activities to give pupils the skills, knowledge and confidence they need to manage their money.

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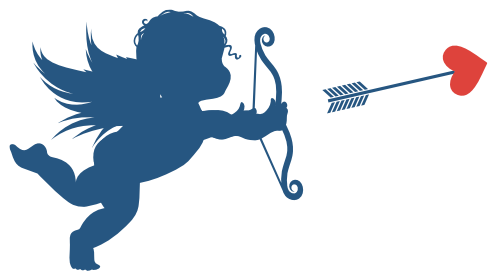
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Nurun xxx



T.T

The only thing I've ever wanted to change about you is your surname. You're everything I want, everything I need. And I love you. **Mick xxx**



To my **gorgeous husband.**

Every day I'm thankful to have found you, my best friend, my soul mate & love of my life. Thank you for looking after me, loving me & most of all for being you! All my love always your **Lil1's xxx**



Crissy Simpson

Baby, please be my Valentine. You make me so happy, darling. I love you loads & will forever. Happy Valentine's day.

Eric xxx



To my amazing fiancé my

Fossa Fwa,

Happy Valentine's Day. I love you with all my heart you make my life complete. You are the love of my life. Love you always and forever. From your amazing fiancée your **Fossi Furi xxx**



Lamar

Thank you for loving me true & for being no one but you. I love you, happy Valentine's day babe, **xxx**



My Baby Jay

A year ago I met the best thing I could ever ask for and that was you, baby. YOU. Please love me like I love you. Love **Begum xxx**



To my baby doll, **Sara**

You've had my heart for 20 years and I don't ever want it back. Love you more than words can say.

Love you, Love me **xxx**



To my beautiful **Rina**

The day you agreed to become my wife, you made me the happiest man alive. All my love for now and always.

R18AJ xxx



To my beautiful girlfriend, We found love right where we are... **SJ xxx**



Kiss me. Tell me you love me. I love you **J.** Carry me. Swing me around. Fight for me and I'll fight for you. Marry me. Forever mine.

Love **Sbegum xxx**



10.10.2014. Butterflies in my belly because you surprised me during work placements when I felt lonely and unwell.

Jay. Cutest warm smile and syrupiest eyes! Please don't ever stop loving me.



Yobo

I know that I don't express how I feel much but I want you to know how special you are and lucky I am teelak.

Mr Yobosayo xxx



Elena

Thank you for being you. With all the love in the world. **N xxx**



Yummyum

A decade ago I trusted you blindly

I believed in you blindly

I fought for you blindly

I reached out to you blindly

I loved you blindly

Now you opened your heart madly. **Shuna xxx**



Shubzilla

I have loved you since the day I met you, we argue, fight, don't talk, but our love brings us back, this is our year, lets seize the moment.

Love A xxx

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Birringy

The name has stuck with us for years who would've thought!? Lol. It is a story we can tell our grandkids, God willing. Most importantly, Happy Anniversary sweetheart. Love you. **Princess birringy xxx**



Baby Boo!!!

Love you. **Mal xxx**



Cookie (Del)

Every moment I spend with you is soo precious, I feel so safe in your arms. Babe you're truly the best thing that's happened to me. Love you always. **Dhipa xxx**



You're my wife, you're my life. May Allah protect us and guide us to a healthy journey in life. The mother of my child, I love you very much **Shumz.**

From **AL-H xxx**



Fatty Boom Boom

2016 InshaaAllah gonna be our year. It wouldn't be the same if I didn't do a message like this, this year lol.

From **You Know Who xxx**



Sharan

Roses are red, violets are blue, I fell in love, just as soon as I started working with you. Be forever mine, **John xxx**



To B

You are the light to my soul... Love you always and forever... From **K xxx**



Kit Cat

I close my eyes & a vision of you & love gently crosses my mind. I melt inside when you touch me, one kiss from you, yeah you got me. Every time I'm near you, I come alive. All we need is some music & some sweet wine. You are my angel, you will always be my Valentine **xxx**



Mia

You are the absolute love of my life – so much so I want everyone in Tower Hamlets to know it. Lots of love, your **pre-husband xxx**



To Vicky Park Picnic

My jaan, just want to say that without u Vicky park is empty so is life. Always thinking of you no matter where life takes me, I'm so glad you're my wife. Your companion Vicky Park Picnic. **Sali xxx**



To my beautiful wife **Shumena**

The best day in my life was the day I married you. The best thing in my life is you. I cannot imagine a single day without you. I've said it once and I'll say it again. I love you. Love **Azid xxx**



Happy Valentine's day **Hafiza**

Khanom. I still love you so much and I will never ever stop loving you no matter what. From your lover **Aminur Rahman xxx**



Happy Valentine's day **Sanu**

I just want to say thank you for being a part of my life. I love you loads, **Farzana xxx**



Michael

I never realised how much I love you until I started playing for the O's. Lots of little love, **Dean Cox xxx**



To Roops

Allah has created you only for me, because he knows no one can love you more than me! Love is too weak a word for what I feel for you. One life is too small a time to express how madly I am in love with you. Love from **Max xxx**



My Special Someone

Ai Mon chai sudu tomal Valobasi, Ai Mon chai sudu tomar kacha Aasi, Ai Mon chai tumar mukher akto Hasi, Ai Mon chai sudu thakte tumar Pasapasi! Bhalobasa chhara dingulo holo Sadday, Moanday, Tearsday, Wasted-day, Thirsty-day, Fright-day, Shatter-day Bhalobasa thaakle all days are Valentines day!! Love **Someone Special xxx**



Steven Laverick

Happy Valentine's day to my darling husband, thank you for all you do for me, I love you now and forever. **xxx**



Khadija Begum

Thank you for being an amazing wife & an awesome mummy to Omar. Lots of love your dear husband, **Abdul Jakir xxx**



For Derek

Rose are red, Violets are stinky, I think this liaison is gonna get kinky. **Anonymous xxx**



To my little **hastings hop picker**

I love you more and more and loads and loads each passing day. Your little **Robin xxx**



Dan you sexy rock dude, come here and give me a snog! Best 13 years of my life so far!

Casey xxx

Sending Willow and Inara Kisses love Mum and Dad



To my lovely husband **Keith Darbyshire**

Happy Valentine's day. Thank you for the last 35 years of marriage. Love you always, **Lisa xxx**



Dear **Tabibi & M**

Once upon a time you met and shared much love and laughter. May your engagement continue the fairytale. Happy Ever After. **Aurelia & Fahmida**



There's nobody else I'd rather lie in bed & play Clash of Clans next to. Happy Valentine's day babe, love you trillions. **Kay xxx**



My Jaanu

IWL YA&F! Your **Hayaati xxx**



Ciao Coky

Ho trovato un modo per sorprenderti spero, senza che tu teme accorgessi, ti amo troppo dal primo giorno che sei entrato nella mia vita, non lo dimenticare mai.



Kit Kat

You always make me smile, my heart races like mad for you. You always lift my spirits, you will always be my baby forever in my heart. Hold the line, as I do for you one day, we will cross the line together. I will always be understanding when times are tough for you as I love you. I love you because you're you my perfect beauty. Hang on in there my love.



Helen

I love your football team almost as much as I love you. Forever yours. **Russ xxx**



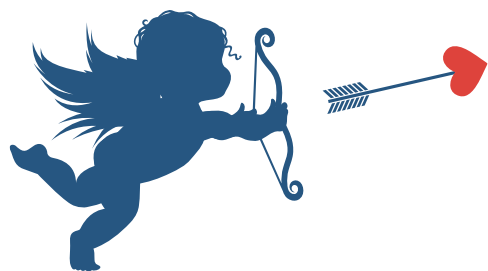

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Still in love 12 years later, I
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hug. When I look at our wolfy,
you made my family complete.
I love you. **Glossy xxx**

♥♥♥♥

Happy Valentine's **Hubz!**
Our first official Valentine's in
the first year of our marriage.
Lots of luv from your one and
only **J xxx**

♥♥♥♥

To Jamil

I'll never forget you. You'll
always be by my side. From
the day that I met you I knew
that I would love you 'till the
day I die. From **S.B xxx**

♥♥♥♥

To **Shaks** (my kodu)

Amar shuna paki, moina paki
koi reh?? Kodu reh kodu, tumi
amar kodu, tumi amar jaan!
You know I love you soo
much! Happy Valentine's day
babe.

From **Salz** (your gaai) **xxx**

♥♥♥♥

To Jamie

Happy Valentine's day babe.
Love you lots, you are my
world. Love **Gemma xxx**

♥♥♥♥

My Dear Prince

You are purrfect. With you I
am always feline good. I'm
feline nice. Will you be meow
Valentine? Live Long and
Prospurr. Love, your human,
Soomaiya xxx

♥♥♥♥

Thank you for being the reason
I smile, laugh and let out my
anger. You are my first love
and my best friend. I love you.
xxx Your Dinosaur

♥♥♥♥

To that charming and hot
looking guy I have run across
in the market in November
2014. I just want to say that
the reason I ignored you is
because I was carrying grocery
shopping bags and it made
me felt sheepish. But I am
longing to see you again and
want to get to know you and
your age. Don't know why
but you just keep coming
in my mind. Apologise if I
offended you, didn't mean it!!!
Love from **anonymous!!!!**

♥♥♥♥

Refa,

You're the first person I think
about when I wake up, and
the last person I think about
when I go to sleep. But being
in love with you is like being
in a dream and an endless
nightmare. Because it feels
so real, when it's not, it's a
fantasy. You're not here with
me in reality, and it just crushes
me. I just wish you would tell
me that you love me, the way
I do. Cos I'm tired of bittersweet
dreaming, I'm tired of waiting
and I'm just plain tired of missing
you, so I'm off to dreamland,
I'll see you there.

From **J xxx**

♥♥♥♥

John

I love the way that you gave
me chocolate last Friday. It
made me realise how special
you are. Lots of love **??? xxx**

♥♥♥♥

Mickey D

You are the one my heart
yearns for constantly. Please
take me on one of your magical
moped rides.

Stephanie xxx

♥♥♥♥

Alan

For every day, I miss you. For
every hour, I need you. For
every minute, I feel you. For
every second, I want you.
Forever, I Love You!

Joan xxx

♥♥♥♥

Sammy

You gorgeous man. I still love
you despite you abandoning
me for the streets of Beirut.
Think of me despite the
distance between our hearts.
Love **???**

♥♥♥♥

Terri

You to me are everything, the
sweetest song that I could
sing, oh Terri. Lots of love,
Mr Loverman xxx

♥♥♥♥

My Bulbula

Alhumdulillah, you are in my
life. You mean the world to
me. You are my heart, soul
and key to my happiness. I
love you. Your **Bulbuli xxx**

♥♥♥♥

Shamim

The way I feel I can not
express, you are dear and
you are mine, you are what
makes me shine. I Love You
always until the end of time.

Hajara xxx

♥♥♥♥

Dear Costanzo

I'm lucky to have you in my
life. Thank you for being so
amazing. I love you, Angela.
Ti amo (29/10/99 to present)

♥♥♥♥

Dave Mitchell

I love you so much, thank
you for everything you do for
me you are my hero. Love
your NEWLY engaged fiancée.
Jamie Austin xxx

♥♥♥♥

Mum

Thank you for being you & all
that you do. Love **Pollyanna,
Adrian & Erin xxx**

♥♥♥♥

Phil

You make me weak at the
knees every time I see you
smile. I can't wait to marry
you, **Lauren xxx**

♥♥♥♥

Taylor

I fell in love with you in 2006
but have never plucked up
the courage to tell you. We
met on the DLR last week and
I wish I had. Lots of love,
Mark xxx

♥♥♥♥

Annabella

Loves the gorgeous **Gus
Jimerina** of Islington and
misses you because you are
the only Huguenot with the
je ne c'est pas pour moi mon
amour. **Anne of Wapping xxx**

♥♥♥♥

Christine

Don't let me, don't let me,
don't let me go, because I'm
tired of feeling alone. I love
you forever. **Harry xxx**

♥♥♥♥

Jacqueline

You don't know quite how
much I love you but I think
2016 is the time to let you
know. Will you be mine this
year? **John xxx**

♥♥♥♥

Teo torriate konomama iko
Aisurhito yo Shizukana yoi ni
Hikario tomoshi Itoshiki osheio
idaki. For **Freddie** from **Mary!**

♥♥♥♥

Fatima

Last week during our team
building exercise, you built a
tower to my heart. Be my
Valentine this year? **xxx**

♥♥♥♥

To sexy G,

You rock my world! Happy
Valentine's day. Love always
Mr BT xxx

♥♥♥♥

Dominic

You're the Obi Wan for me.

♥♥♥♥

To Baylee

I've loved you from the moment
we first met. Please be my
Valentine. Love **Mick xxx**

♥♥♥♥

Poppy

Roses are red, Violets are
blue, everyday I fall more in
love with you. Love **Alex xxx**

♥♥♥♥

Happy Valentine's day to my
gorgeous wife **Sarah.**

Thank you for 10 amazing
years, 3 amazing children &
our amazing life together! I
love you more than ever.

Dan xxx

♥♥♥♥

My sweetest hubby

I love you more then you will
ever know. With love always
& forever your loving wife
Shalina xxx

♥♥♥♥

I require three things in a man.
He must be handsome, ruthless
and stupid. And you, Plato,
are all three! Happy Valentine's
day with lots of love, from
Dorothy P xxx

♥♥♥♥

Dom

I love you more than coffee
(but please don't make me
prove it...) **xxx**

♥♥♥♥

A special Valentine message
to my ice cream special. For
the one I love is true, only you
will do. Roses are red,
diamonds are true. Only for
me & you, the best of the best
is always only you

♥♥♥♥

J from Bow,

I love you! Love **???**

♥♥♥♥

To my bestie Amie,

Happy Valentine's day to you
and bump! Love you longtime,
Cookie xxx

And Thomas, I might love you
a little bit too xxxxxx

♥♥♥♥

Dave

Happy Valentine's day to the
person who has made me
smile every day since we met.
I love you, Pookie-snacken-
burger with all my heart. **xxx**

♥♥♥♥

Locks are never made without
a matching key. Luckily for
me, you came into this world
with the key that unlocks my
heart. It's safe to say that we're
meant to be. Happy Valentine's
day, **Susie Ennuyeux xxx**

♥♥♥♥

Lily

Funny how love is everywhere
you look and see, it's anywhere
you're bound to be, it's every
song in every key and it's
coming home in time for tea.
See you later, **Brian.**

♥♥♥♥

I prayed for God to send me
someone truly amazing. He
heard my prayer. Thankfully, he
sent me you. Happy Valentine's
day – you are heaven sent,
my **Angelique. xxx**

♥♥♥♥

Milo and Eli

For all the things you do, your
smiles and laughter too, it's
just wonderful to have kids
like you! **xxx**

♥♥♥♥

To Lisa and Gladys

Happy Valentine's day to you
both and thank you for always
being there for me specially
you Lisa love u lots.

Love **Azid. xxx**

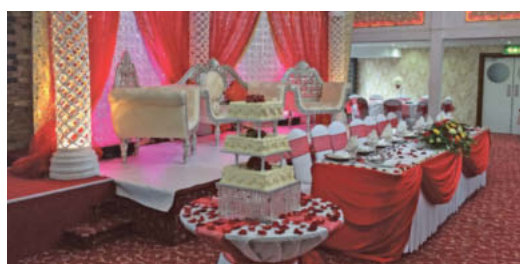
♥♥♥♥

Uzair, Lewis, Roman & Umair
love you to the moon and
back, **Nanny Ju Ju xxx**

♥♥♥♥

I would like to say a happy
Valentine's day to everyone at
Collingwood Children's Centre
as everyone here is very special
to me & would like them to
know this. Love **Farah**

♥♥♥♥



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Swap baby clothes and accessories from 1-3pm on February 24, at 192-196 Hanbury Street, Whitechapel.

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You've got to be in it to win it...

To enter the competition, send the answer, with your name, address and phone number on a postcard to East End Life, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, Poplar E14 2BG, or email...

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News in brief

Swap baby clothes

PARENTS and carers are invited to exchange or take away free babies clothes and toys.

Women's Health & Family Services will host the event from 1-3pm on Wednesday, February 24 at 192-196 Hanbury Street, Whitechapel.

Maternity Mates, who provide support to expecting and new mums, will be available for a chat over free tea and cake.

To donate pre-loved items, call Laura on 07908 161 495.

Free cycle training

FREE family cycle training is available in Victoria Park.

The training is open to parents and accompanying children in years 3-6, from 10am-12noon from February 15-18. To register call 8980 7998 or e-mail enquiries@bikeworks.org.uk

Valentine's wedding bliss

READER OFFER

IF Valentine's Day gives you ideas, why not visit one of the UK's biggest wedding shows, where you can experience every element of your dream day.

From discovering your perfect venue and trying on the outfit of your dreams to sampling delectable delights, eyeing up floral creations and seeking out your idyllic honeymoon hide-away, The National Wedding Show at London Olympia, from February 26-28, is the ultimate one-stop-shop for wedding experts in every field.

Endless inspiration and countless shopping opportunities to



try, buy, book and hire everything you can imagine for your big day, all under one roof.

Kick-start the day by taking a seat at the catwalk show to see the latest trends for all the bridal party, brought to life on the runway.

Get up close and personal with the all-important wedding dresses by hitting the designated bridal boutique where you can browse and try on an unrivalled selection of dresses under one roof.

When you've nailed the look

for you and your bridal party, it's time to turn your attention to the all-important venue. Transform your wedding destination into a spectacular backdrop for your day by seeking inspiration from the show's host of wedding planners and stylists.

Floral fantasies become a reality at the designer flower market, where you will find inspiration-a-plenty from the displays.

Whether you are dreaming of a big, traditional fairytale wedding or planning an intimate summer garden affair, there are stylish solutions for all themes and colour schemes.

Round off the day by registering for your gift list and

perhaps even booking the honeymoon of your dreams.

East End life has teamed up with The National Wedding Show to offer seven lucky readers and their 'plus one' the chance to attend. Tickets are valid any day and are limited to one pair per winner.

To enter a prize draw for a pair of tickets, answer the following question and send your entry to the address above by 5pm on February 17.

Q. On what date is Valentine's Day?

If you are not a lucky winner, you can still book in advance and save up to £5 off entry.

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The rise and fall of union action

The miners' strike and the Wapping dispute (pictured left) were a last hurrah for high-profile industrial action. A succession of new laws would gradually sap the power of the unions.

Got a story to tell?

If you have a tale about East End history, write to John Rennie or email him at johnrennie@gmail.com

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History

A 250-year struggle for basic rights

BY JOHN RENNIE

THE description on the UK Parliament website sounds anodyne enough.

"A Bill to make provision about industrial action, trade unions, employers' associations and the functions of the Certification Officer"... and who could argue with that?

But as the government's Trade Union Bill 2015-16 continues its slow progress through parliament (this week entering its Committee stage in the House of Lords), it has already received a ferocious buffeting.

That Labour and the unions would resist the bill is no surprise – it does, after all, seek to limit the right to strike and curb union funding of the 'people's party'.

But they have even been joined by voices from within the Conservative party itself. The bill, many argue, would threaten the very future of Labour.

Local trade unionists, meanwhile, have pointed to the role unions in Tower Hamlets have played over the last century or more: not just fighting for better rights for workers, but changing the whole political complexion of Britain to a fairer one.

Rewind nearly 250 years to 1768, the year the word 'strike' entered the English language, largely due to the actions of a handful of East End dockers. The first strike to bear the name would be violent – and seven Wapping men would pay with their lives.

The 1700s was the century of the industrial revolution. London was changed entirely, as thousands flocked to work in the cities and the ports. Coal was the fuel of the industrial revolution and it came by the shipload into Wapping – where hired hands, paid by the day, would unload the cargoes. Their work was hard and thirsty, and they would be kept going through their shifts with supplies of beer and gin. A man could reach the end of the week with no cash at all – sometimes they ended up owing the boss money.

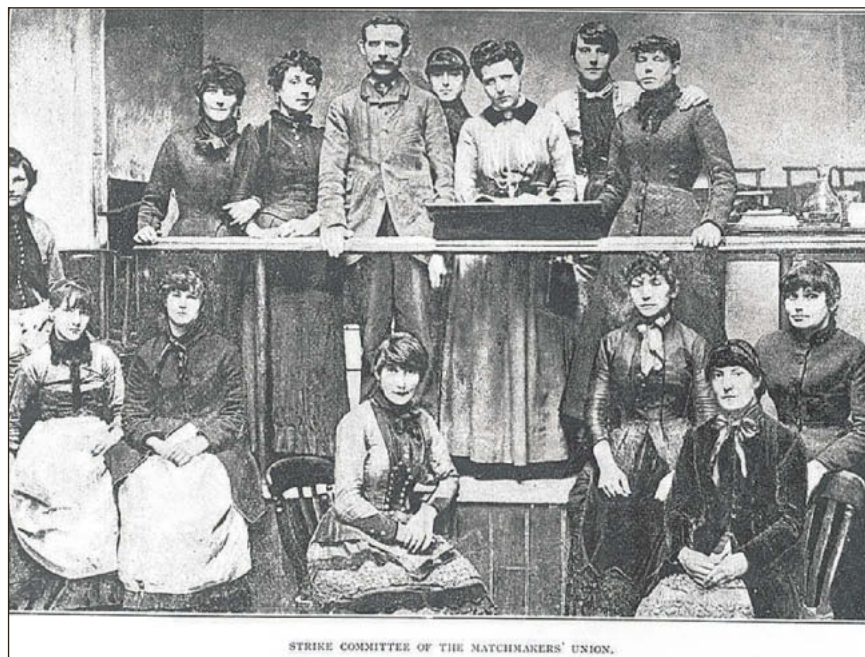
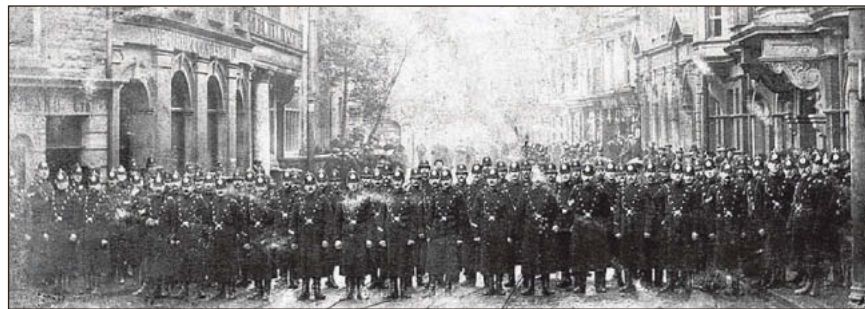
But the coal heavers worked together in gangs of 16 or so, and thus had the rudiments of a collective organisation.

Matters came to a head in 1768 when food shortages and price rises led to unrest and riots throughout London.

The heavers boarded the coal ships at Wapping and, scaling the rigging, removed

Above right: police line the streets during a strike in 1912

Right: the Match Girls' strike committee



or 'struck' the top masts, so rendering the craft unsailable. The phrase 'to strike' entered the language.

Fights broke out between the coal-heavers and the sailors; one skirmish, in Stepney Fields, saw several sailors killed. The army was sent in, and seven of the heavers were subjected to summary justice.

The authorities decided that a mass execution at Ratcliff Fields (also known as Sun Tavern Fields) in modern-day Shadwell would discourage further trouble.

By the 1820s, unions were developing rapidly in the burgeoning garment industry (women being prominent in membership and organisation) despite the 1825 Combination Act, which sought to limit the power of the unions. The most famous was the Grand National Consolidated Trades Union (GNCTU) in 1833-4.

Again, in 1834, the government attempted to smash the union, this time by arresting six agricultural labourers from the village of Tolpuddle in Dorsetshire and transporting them to Australia. The plight of the Tolpuddle Martyrs was just another step on a very long road.

The crackdown on Chartism after the Kennington Common demonstration followed in 1848 (transportation of ringleaders again), then in the late 1850s London was in the grip of a protracted builders' strike.

The pattern had been set: bottled-up discontent erupts; the government cracks down brutally; the ruling powers have no choice but to yield a little; the pressure

steadily builds again... ad nauseam.

By the time of the foundation of the London Trades Council, formed in 1860 as a result of a building workers' dispute, simply rounding up the leaders and sending them to Australia was no longer an option – public opinion was drifting towards the rights of workers. The new body brought together many London-based leaders of trade unions, and in 1868 the Trades Union Congress was founded.

And, with Britain entering a slump, between 1888 and 1918 trade unions grew at a faster rate than at any other time in their history. Inspired by the successes of the women match workers' strike at Bow's Bryant and May factory in 1888 and the gasworkers' and dockers' strikes bringing Wapping and the rest of the East End docks to a halt in 1889, trade unionism among unskilled, semi-skilled, white collar and professional workers spread rapidly.

1912 saw coal strikes, docks lying idle and garment workers walking out in their thousands. These were the years described by historians today as 'The Great Unrest'. In June 1911, the National Seamen's and Firemen's Union, pushing for a wage rise, called on the transport workers for help. That summer, Britain's major ports and railways were brought to a halt. German anarchist and Whitechapel resident Rudolf Rocker became convinced that what was needed was concerted national action.

In 1912 the opportunity came. The miners struck for four weeks, and the East End

docks were brought to a halt for two months. And, as summer approached, a strike started among West End tailors for better piece rates.

On May 2, the Times reported 7,000-8,000 workers at one strike meeting. Enter Rocker, who had spent years trying to entice the Jewish garment workers of Whitechapel to properly unionise. On May 8, he spoke before 8,000 at a hall in Whitechapel, with 3,000 in the street outside. A vote was taken, and two days later 13,000 workers walked out – it was the biggest East End strike since 1889.

By the time the First World War ended, London had even seen its first strike for equal pay by women working on the trams and buses – legislation wouldn't arrive until the Equal Pay Act in 1970.

In 1919, East End dockworkers refused to load a ship bound for Russia (to help break the revolution) with munitions. In the 1920s, Poplarism would see rent strikes and further brutal sentencing.

The years after the Second World War, with the mass nationalisation of industry and increased workers' rights, seemed to be another step forward, but government occasionally resorted to rather desperate action, with seven London dockers prosecuted under Order 1305 in 1951 alongside the invocation of the Emergency Powers Act in an unprecedented use in peace time.

There was the 1957 shipbuilding and engineering strike and the 1958 London bus strikes. But the tide would soon turn.

The 1970s, with its power cuts, Winter of Discontent and headlines howling about rubbish rotting in the streets and bodies lying unburied, began to weary the public of industrial action. The miners' strike and the Wapping dispute (calculated to break the mining and print unions respectively) were a last hurrah for high-profile industrial action. A succession of new laws, meanwhile, would gradually sap the power of the unions.

In light of which, one might ask of the new legislation... why? The number of days lost to strikes in the 12 months to April 2015 was 704,000, a far cry from the average 13m in the 1970s.

One local union member believes there is a place for new legislation, but not this bill. "The real stories in recent months are about workers and their rights in companies like SportsDirect and Amazon. Are we really saying that these workers have too much power?"

"The government should be bringing a bill to curb the powers of these companies... not kick hard-pressed and hard-working families who are already down."

After centuries of history, it appears that the spirit of trade unionism is alive and well.

Bottled-up discontent erupts; the government cracks down brutally; the ruling powers have no choice but to yield a little; the pressure steadily builds again... ad nauseam."

War iyo wacaal waxaad haysaan u soo dir boga isku soo dhaweynta bulshada ee East End Life.

সুস্থ্য সম্পর্ক বলতে কম বয়সীরা কি ভাবে, তা কাউন্সিলকে জানাতে আয়োজিত একটি প্রতিযোগিতায় অংশ নিতে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের কিশোর-তরুণদের আমন্ত্রণ জানানো হয়েছে। অনূর্ধ্ব ২৪ বছর বয়সীরা এই প্রতিযোগিতায় অংশ নিয়ে ১০০ পাউন্ডের ভাউচার জিতে নিতে পারেন। বিস্তারিত পড়ুন নিচে –

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New cycling strategy finalised – see page 5

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ড্রতে ১০০০ পাউন্ড মূল্যমানের একটি ব্রোমটন বাইসাইকেল জিতেছেন মাইল এন্ডের বাসিন্দা ভিক্টোরিয়া ওয়েবস্টার।

এখন থেকে ২০২৫ সালের মধ্যে সাইকেল চালানোকে বারায় ব্যাপক জনপ্রিয় করে তোলার পরিকল্পনা ও উচ্চাকাঙ্ক্ষা তুলে ধরা হয়েছে নতুন সাইকেলিং নীতিমালায়।

আগের নীতিমালা গ্রহণের পর ট্রান্সপোর্ট ফর লন্ডন (টিএফএল) সাইকেল হায়ার স্কীম গ্রহণ এবং দু'টি নতুন সাইকেল সুপারহাইওয়ে চালু করে, যার প্রভাব বারায় সাইকেল চালানোর ক্ষেত্রে পরিলক্ষিত হয়। সাম্প্রতিক বছরগুলোতে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস সহ গোটা লন্ডনে সাইকেলিং লক্ষণীয়ভাবে জনপ্রিয় হয়ে ওঠেছে।

সাইকেল চালানোর ব্যাপারে সবাইকে উদ্বুদ্ধ করার মাধ্যমে এটা ই আশা করা হচ্ছে যে, ক্রমবর্ধমান জনসংখ্যা কম দূষণযুক্ত রাস্তাগুলোতে চলাচল করার সুফল ভোগ করবে।

অন্যান্য যানবাহনের ভয়ে সাইকেল চালাতে অধিকাংশ মানুষ ভীত সন্ত্রস্ত থাকেন। এ



Vicky Webster receives her prize from Cllr Chesterton

কারণেই কাউন্সিল উন্নত সাইকেল লেন চালুকরণ, সাইকেল চালানোর প্রশিক্ষণ কার্যক্রমের পরিধি বাড়ানো এবং বাইসাইকেল পার্কিং স্পেস এর সংখ্যা বৃদ্ধি করবে।

এই নীতিমালায় ৩০টি অঙ্গিকার করা হয়েছে,

যার ফলে সাইকেল চালাতে অভ্যস্ত মানুষের সংখ্যা যেমন বাড়বে, তেমনি ঝুঁকির মাত্রাও হ্রাস পাবে।

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের মেয়র, জন বিগস বলেন, সাইকেল চালানোকে অধিকতর নিরাপদ

করা এবং যানবাহনকে পরিবেশ বান্ধব করাই আমাদের মূল উদ্দেশ্য। এই উদ্দেশ্য পূরণ করতে হলে ৩০ দফা অঙ্গিকারনামা বাস্তবায়ন করতে হবে, যে অঙ্গিকারে বারায় নিরাপদে সাইকেল চালানোকে নিশ্চিত করার নানা কর্মপদ্ধতি তুলে ধরা হয়েছে।

বারার সাইকেলিং চ্যাম্পিয়ন, লেবার দলীয় কাউন্সিলর ডেভ চেস্টারটন বলেন, বারার অধিকাংশ মানুষের চলাচলের প্রথম পছন্দ হিসেবে সাইকেলিংকে জনপ্রিয় করার যে উচ্চাভিলাষি পরিকল্পনা রয়েছে আমাদের, তা বাস্তবে রূপ দেয়ার ক্ষেত্রে খুবই গুরুত্বপূর্ণ হলো এই নতুন সাইকেলিং নীতিমালা। অধিক সংখ্যক মানুষ যাতে করে সাইকেল চালাতে অভ্যস্ত হন, তা নিশ্চিত করতে আমরা ট্রান্সপোর্ট ফর লন্ডনের সাথে ঘনিষ্ঠভাবে কাজ করছি এবং এই নীতিমালা বাস্তবায়নে আমরা যে তৎপর, তা তুলে ধরতে কিছু উদ্ভাবনী প্রকল্প যত তাড়াতাড়ি সম্ভব আমরা চালু করবো।

ঐকতান

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চায়নীজ নিউ ইয়ার উপলক্ষে অনুষ্ঠান ১৩ ফেব্রুয়ারী

এশিয়ার বাইরে সবচেয়ে বৃহৎ আয়োজনে চাইনিজ নিউ ইয়ার উদযাপিত হবে লন্ডনে।

এবারের চাইনীজ নব বর্ষের থিম হচ্ছে 'ইয়ার অব দ্যা মাংকি'। এ উপলক্ষে আগামী ১৪ ফেব্রুয়ারী সেন্ট্রাল লন্ডনের ট্রাফালগার স্কোয়ারে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে বর্ণাঢ্য শোভাযাত্রা। টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস কাউন্সিলের সহযোগিতায় ১৩ ফেব্রুয়ারী শনিবার বেথনাল গ্রীণ রোডের রীচ মিস্ত্র সেন্টারে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে চীনের নব বর্ষ উদযাপনের বিশেষ অনুষ্ঠান।

গত ৩০ বছর ধরে এই বারার চীনা জনগোষ্ঠির জন্য কাজ করে যাওয়া চ্যারিটি সংগঠন চায়নীজ এসোসিয়েশন অব টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস এর উদ্যোগে আয়োজিত বর্ণাঢ্য এই অনুষ্ঠান শুরু হবে বেলা ১২টায় এবং চলবে বিকাল ৪টা পর্যন্ত।

মেয়র জন বিগস বলেন, চমৎকার ও বর্ণাঢ্য এই অনুষ্ঠানে যোগ দিয়ে চায়নীজ এসোসিয়েশন অব টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের সৃজনশীল কাজকে সহযোগিতা করুন। এই সংগঠনটি অনেক ভালো ভালো কাজ করে যাচ্ছে। তারা বৃদ্ধদের জন্য লাঞ্চ ক্লাব পরিচালনা, ওয়েলফেয়ার ও বেনিফিট বিষয়ক পরামর্শ প্রদান ও হোম কেয়ার সার্ভিস দিচ্ছে।

কেবিনেট মেম্বর ফর কালচার, কাউন্সিলর আসম বেগম, ইয়ার অব দ্যা মাংকি খ্যাত চায়নীজ নিউ ইয়ার উদযাপনে সকল কমিউনিককে বর্ণাঢ্য অনুষ্ঠানে অংশ নেয়ার জন্য আমন্ত্রণ জানান।

কবিতা নিয়ে সংহতির বিশেষ অনুষ্ঠান ১১ ফেব্রুয়ারী

সংহতি সাহিত্য সোসাইটির উদ্যোগে 'কবিতা – বাঙালির জীবনে অবিচ্ছেদ্য অংশ (১৯৬০–১৯৮০)' শীর্ষক বিশেষ একটি অনুষ্ঠান আগামী ১১ ফেব্রুয়ারী বৃহস্পতিবার সন্ধ্যা ৮টা থেকে রাত ৮টা পর্যন্ত অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস লকাল হিস্ট্রি লাইব্রেরী এন্ড আর্কাইভে (২৭৭ ব্যানক্রফট রোড, ই১ ৪ডিকিউ) অনুষ্ঠিতব্য এই অনুষ্ঠানে সন্তর ও আশির দশকে পূর্ব লন্ডনের বাঙালি কমিউনিটির কাব্য প্রতিভার ঐতিহ্যিক ধারাকে তুলে ধরা হবে আলোচনা ও কবিতা আবৃত্তির মাধ্যমে। এই অনুষ্ঠানে ইস্ট লন্ডনের অবাঙালি কবিদের স্মৃতি কথাও তুলে ধরা হবে।

■ The above stories are: Chinese New Year festivities – page 9; poetry – the inseparable part of Bengali life.

কেবিনেটে চূড়ান্ত খসড়া বাজেট পূর্ণাঙ্গ কাউন্সিল মিটিংয়ে উপস্থাপন করা হবে ২৪ ফেব্রুয়ারী

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গত ২ ফেব্রুয়ারী অনুষ্ঠিত কেবিনেট মিটিংয়ে বিস্তারিত আলোচনার পর প্রস্তাবিত বাজেট অনুমোদনের জন্য মেয়র জন বিগস আগামী ২৪ ফেব্রুয়ারী তা পূর্ণাঙ্গ কাউন্সিল মিটিংয়ে উপস্থাপন করবেন।

একটি সুসম বাজেট উপযোগী প্রস্তাবনাগুলো নির্ধারণ করা হয়েছে এবং কেন্দ্রীয় সরকারের তহিবল কর্তন সত্ত্বেও স্থানীয় বাসিন্দা ও ব্যবসা বাণিজ্যের জন্য গুরুত্বপূর্ণ সার্ভিসগুলো অব্যাহত রাখার বিষয়টি নিশ্চিত করা হয়েছে।

খসড়া বাজেটে অনেকগুলো প্রবৃদ্ধি প্রস্তাবনা রয়েছে, যার কয়েকটি হলো, সমাজ বিরোধী আচরণজনিত কার্যকলাপ রোধ কার্যক্রমে অধিক বিনিয়োগ, রাস্তাঘাটকে পরিচ্ছন্ন রাখার সার্ভিসকে আরো উন্নত করা, আবর্জনা অপসারণ সার্ভিস এবং এডাল্ট সোশ্যাল কেয়ার সার্ভিসের ক্রমবর্ধমান চাহিদা মোকাবেলার ব্যয় নির্বাহ করা।

'ইওর বারা, ইওর ভয়েস' শীর্ষক গণপরামর্শ কার্যক্রমে অংশ নিয়ে বাসিন্দারা যে অভিমত দিয়েছেন, তার আলোকেই এই বাজেট প্রস্তাবনা

চূড়ান্ত করা হয়েছে।

বাসিন্দাদের সাথে পরামর্শের প্রেক্ষিতে প্রস্তাবিত খসড়া বাজেটে কিছু কিছু গুরুত্বপূর্ণ পরিবর্তন আনা হয়। প্রস্তাবণায় ছিলো আইডিয়া স্টোরগুলোর সানডে ওপেনিং টাইম বন্ধ কিংবা কমিয়ে আনার মাধ্যমে ৯৩ হাজার পাউন্ড সাশ্রয় করা, কিন্তু জনসাধারণের কাছ থেকে পাওয়া ফিডব্যাকের ফলে চূড়ান্ত খসড়া বাজেট থেকে এই প্রস্তাব বাদ দেয়া হয়েছে। কর্পোরেট ম্যাচ ফান্ডিং বাজেট ২৪৬ হাজার পাউন্ড হ্রাস করার প্রস্তাবনাও বাতিল করা হয়েছে। প্রবীণদের জন্য ডে কেয়ার সার্ভিস পর্যালোচনা করে ২৪১ হাজার পাউন্ড সাশ্রয়ের প্রস্তাবনা শুধুমাত্র তখনই কার্যকর হবে, যখন বর্তমান সার্ভিসের উপযুক্ত বিকল্প পাওয়া যাবে।

খসড়া বাজেট প্রস্তাবণায় ৩.৯৯ শতাংশ কাউন্সিল ট্যাক্স বৃদ্ধির প্রস্তাব করা হয়েছে, যার ২ শতাংশ এডাল্ট সোশ্যাল কেয়ার সার্ভিসের ব্যয় নির্বাহে ব্যবহার করা হবে।

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের মেয়র, জন বিগস

বলেন, কাউন্সিল ট্যাক্স বৃদ্ধি কেউই দেখতে চান না। কিন্তু আমাদের বাসিন্দাদের জন্য সবচেয়ে গুরুত্বপূর্ণ সার্ভিসগুলো চালিয়ে যেতে আমাদেরকে সঠিক পথটি খুঁজে বের করতে হয়। এই বাজেটের লক্ষ্য হচ্ছে, বারার অধিক সংখ্যক বাসিন্দাকে উন্নত মান সম্মত জীবন যাপনের সুযোগ তৈরী করা, ভালো বেতনের চাকুরির সুযোগ সৃষ্টি এবং তরুণরা যাতে করে তাদের নিজেদের সম্ভাবনা সম্পর্কে অনুধাবন করতে সক্ষম হয়, সে লক্ষ্যে তাদের সাহায্য করা এবং বারায় বৈষম্যের হার কমিয়ে আনা।

তিনি বলেন, অর্থনৈতিক সংকটের চলমান চ্যালেঞ্জ সত্ত্বেও আমরা উন্নত মান সম্মত সার্ভিসগুলো অব্যাহত রাখার ব্যাপারে দৃঢ় প্রতিজ্ঞাবদ্ধ।

কেবিনেট মেম্বর ফর রিসোর্সেস্, কাউন্সিলর ডেভিড এডগার বলেন, সব কাউন্সিলই তহবিল কর্তনের চ্যালেঞ্জ মোকাবেলা করছে। যাহোক, এই বাজেট দারিদ্র মোকাবেলা এবং আমাদের আকাঙ্ক্ষাগুলো বাস্তবায়নে সাহায্য করবে।

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Meetings

Monday, February 8

7pm: General purposes committee – extraordinary meeting

The meeting will consider applications from individuals who have expressed an interest in being appointed to local authority school governor positions. The committee will endorse or reject nominations for appointments. For details, call Elizabeth Dowuona on 7364 4207 or email elizabeth.dowuona@towerhamlets.gov.uk

7.15pm: Overview & scrutiny committee

The committee will scrutinise executive budget proposals. For details, call David Knight on 7364 4878 or email david.knight@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Tuesday, February 9

6.30pm: Licensing sub-committee

The meeting will consider an application for a variation to the premises licence for Wilton’s Music Hall, 1 Graces Alley, Whitechapel; and an

application for a premises licence for Crate Drinks Ltd, Unit 8a, Queens Yard, White Post Lane, Bow East. For details, call Simmi Yesmin on 7364 4120 or email simmi.yesmin@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Wednesday, February 10

6pm: Housing policy and affordability commission

For details, email Martin Ling, housing strategy manager, at martin.ling@towerhamlets.gov.uk, or Tom Scholes-Fogg, democratic services, at tom.scholes-fogg@towerhamlets.gov.uk

7pm: Development committee

For details, call Zoe Folley on 7364 4877, or email zoe.folley@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Wednesday, February 17

7pm: Health scrutiny panel

For details, call Elizabeth Dowuona (as above).

Thursday, February 18

7pm: Strategic development committee

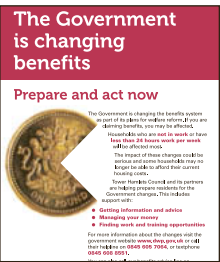
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Planning

E1W

9 Codling Close – orangery at rear.

1-12 Stevedore Street – replacement of existing timber framed windows with uPVC.

E1

60-62 Cleveland Way – certificate of lawfulness for sushi delivery business.

38 Cephas Avenue – cut down cypress tree in rear garden.

52 Brick Lane – change of use of first floor from offices to 1 x 1-bed flat. Alterations to rear elevation.

Flat 8, Burley House, Bromley Street – single-storey rear extension to house bedroom and reconfigured living/dining room.

221 Jubilee Street – replacement of roof terrace with double glazed roof light.

29-39 Albert Gardens – repairs and strengthening of existing boundary wall.

16-22 Bacon Street – demolition and construction of new building to accommodate 9 residential units over ground floor retail.

50 Greenfield Road – demolition, conversion and extension of building to create 8 flats on upper floors, together with a plant room and commercial usage at ground floor.

Unit 5, North West Block, Goodman’s Fields – internally illuminated fascia sign and internally illuminated projecting sign.

61 Hanbury Street – display of an internally illuminated hanging sign.

E2

113-115 Roman Road – demolition of existing three-storey, 13-bed hotel and construction of new, four-storey terraced building to create 29 en-suite bedroom hotel.

44 Palmers Road – replace existing podium lift and ramp with DDA compliant access ramps for Suttons Wharf site.

Bethnal Green Mission Church, 305 Cambridge Heath Road – details of construction management plan of planning permission, ref: PA/14/03166.

Leyton House, 22 Calvert Avenue – details of external facing materials of planning permission, ref: PA/13/01866.

Flat 52, Lion Mills, Hackney Road – installation of Velux cabrio double rooflight (existing Velux rooflight removed and blocked up).

104 Columbia Road – internally illuminated projecting sign.

Marlow Workshops, Calvert Avenue – installation of a new entrance gate.

E3

458 Old Ford Road – development of residential accommodation separate from ground-floor retail unit, using newly approved rear stairs.

187 Swaton Road – rear kitchen extension.

185 Swaton Road – rear extension.

8 Chisenhale Road – single-storey, second-floor extension to rear and installation of rooflights in existing building.

67 Strahan Road – removal and replacement of existing front windows with white, double glazed, timber windows.

108 Antill Road – removal and replacement of existing front windows with white, double glazed, timber windows.

57 Antill Road – pollard large black Poplar tree to old cuts.

First floor, Copperfield House, 34 Copperfield Road – conversion of first floor warehouse to 1 x 2-bed and 1 x 3-bed flat.

E14

1 Hickin Street – retrospective permission for porch, rear extension and loft conversion.

Leamouth Peninsula North, Orchard Place – details of car parking, refuse and recycling, retail frontage, unit sizes, landscape and ecology management plan of planning permission, ref: PA/14/01655.

New Union Close – details of piling, crainage and scaffolding of planning permission, ref: PA/12/00360.

Wood Wharf, Prestons Road – non-material amendment to allow flexibility in location of bridge structures in Development Zone K.

1 Greenwich View Place – screening opinion as to whether environmental impact assessment is required for demolition of office building and construction of three-storey data centre.

Trinity Church, 119 East India Dock Road – details of samples of planning permission, ref: PA/14/02379.

Poplar gas holder site, Leven Road – details of flood emergency response plan of planning permission, ref: PA/15/02563.

4 Sextant Avenue – single-storey rear extension and infill to side.

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7790 1344

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7538 9421

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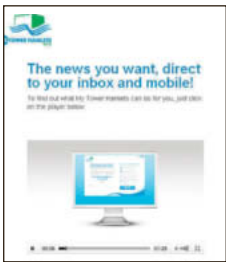
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THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 (1)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets made an Order, which will continue in force to prohibit vehicular traffic from stopping or proceeding the following temporary prohibition:

- **Location:** Boyd Street for a distance of approximately 30 metres in the eastern direction from its junction with Back Church Lane;
- **Reason:** To allow essential building works to be carried out on the public highway by Cruxden Developments Limited;
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- **Period:** Monday 15th February

2016 to Monday 14th March 2016.

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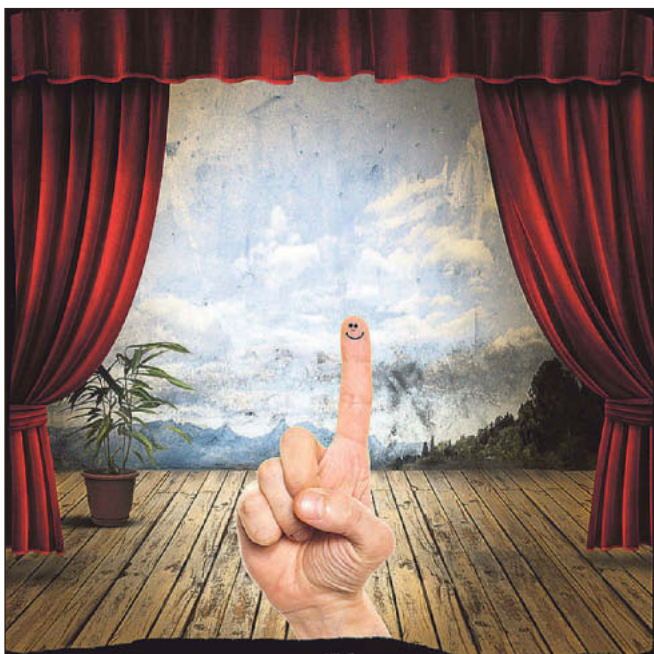


Rock 'n' roll star shone briefly

Singer Janis Joplin rose to fame in the late 1960s and was known for her powerful, blues-inspired vocals and high-energy performances. She died of an accidental drug overdose in 1970.

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Out & About



THE Space theatre, at 269 Westferry Road, on the Isle of Dogs, hosts its annual celebration of the monologue from February 10-21. The One Festival features solo performances, to show what can be accomplished by just one person on the stage. It is part of the Space's commitment to produce work that is accessible, ambitious and inventive. For more details, visit <https://space.org.uk/event/one-festival-2016>

NOT-for-profit Calvert 22 Foundation has opened its renovated space in Shoreditch with an exhibition. Red Africa is dedicated to the legacy of the cultural exchanges between Africa, the Soviet Union and related countries during the Cold War. Works range from propaganda posters to public art, sculptures and film and the show features celebrated artists including Turner Prize nominee Isaac Julien. Since opening in 2009, Calvert 22 has shared art from eastern Europe, the Balkans, Russia and central Asia. The exhibition runs until Sunday, April 3 at 22 Calvert Avenue, E2. Visit www.calvert22.org



A ride on Janis Joplin's rock and rollercoaster

BY JACQUELINE HARTHILL

A MUSICAL charting the rise of American singer/songwriter Janis Joplin comes to the Theatre Royal Stratford East this month.

Janis Joplin: Full Tilt was a sell-out at last year's Edinburgh Fringe. Directed by Cora Bissett, the multi-award winning show will run from February 10 to March 5 at the theatre in Gerry Raffles Square, E15.

The show blends theatre with the feel and atmosphere of a gig and explores Joplin's life from childhood, where she felt like an outsider fighting against the tide.

Peter Arnott's production is an uplifting yet ultimately tragic homage to an artist famed for her raw power.

The show stars Angie Darcy in the title role – for which she won Best Female Performance 2014 in the Musical Theatre Network Awards – backed by a full live band.

Ms Bissett said she was delighted to be bringing the show to the theatre. "This is a rollercoaster, thunderbolt of a show. "It doesn't let up for one second, following the intense, compact life of one of rock's most formidable but tragically short-lived female icons.



Angie Darcy as Janis Joplin

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Jump for joy

The council's Get Your Skates On family fun day on Wednesday, February 17 takes place at Bethnal Green Gardens. It will feature a synthetic skating rink, a climbing wall, tennis and more.

SEE BELOW

Act up for A Team

Auditions for male roles in A Team Arts' Rapture will be held during half term. Call Canan on 7364 7912 or visit...

WWW.TOWERHAMLETSARTS.GOV.UK/ARTS

Out & About

Get your skates on for half term

BY SHALINA HUSSAIN

STUCK for ideas on how to keep your little ones entertained during the half-term break?

There are plenty of free activities and events on offer to keep children happy.

The council's Get Your Skates On family fun day on **Wednesday, February 17** takes place at Bethnal Green Gardens.

The event will feature a synthetic skating rink, a climbing wall, tennis, athletics, basketball, football, storytelling, face painting, art and crafts, bouncy castle, coconut shy and health stalls.

Activities run from 10am-3pm at the site in Braintree Street. To find out more, call 7364 2437.

At Victoria Park, young people can learn to build a bird box on **Monday, February 15** and take part in wildlife arts and crafts on **Friday, February 19**.

Meet at the Hub building for both events, from 10am-12.30pm. To book a place call 7364 4504 or email victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk

At Idea Stores and libraries there will be performances of



Treasure Island by the Open Book Theatre Company.

The shows take place at 4pm on **Sunday, February 14** at Idea Store Whitechapel; 2.30pm on **Monday, February 15** at Idea Store Chrisp Street, and 6pm on **Thursday, February 18** at Idea Store Watney Market.

There will be raft of Harry Potter-themed activities at Idea Store Watney Market including face painting and story writing on **Saturday, February 13** and magic quiz on **Saturday, February 20** at 3pm.

Idea Store Bow will be hosting pirate-themed adventures including creating your own pirate outfit on **Tuesday, February 16** at 2.30pm; a swashbuckling storytime session on **Tuesday, February 15** at 10.30am; and a

film screening on **Saturday, February 20** at 2.30pm.

Learn about carnival and Mardi Gras at a workshop at Idea Store Whitechapel at 3pm on **Wednesday, February 17**.

For the full half-term programme visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/ideastore

As part of Chinese New Year young people can build a dragon's head at the Art Pavilion in Mile End Park on **Tuesday, February 16** at 1.30pm.

The event is run by Arteast, a disabilities arts group based at the Bromley by Bow Centre.

They will bring along their dragon to inspire participants.

A Team Arts, the council's youth arts team, is casting for three male roles in their production of Rapture, which will feature at the Edinburgh Fringe.

Auditions will be held during half term. To book call Canan on 7364 7912.

Sporty youngsters can show off their soccer skills at a football tournament on Tuesday, February 16 at Stepney Green AstroTurf.

The event for under-16s is being organised by the council and charity Fight4change. To find out more call 7364 2681.

Watch your step... there's a bear about

MICHAEL Rosen's Bear Hunt, Chocolate Cake and Bad Things interactive family exhibition will be at the Discover Centre in Stratford during half-term.

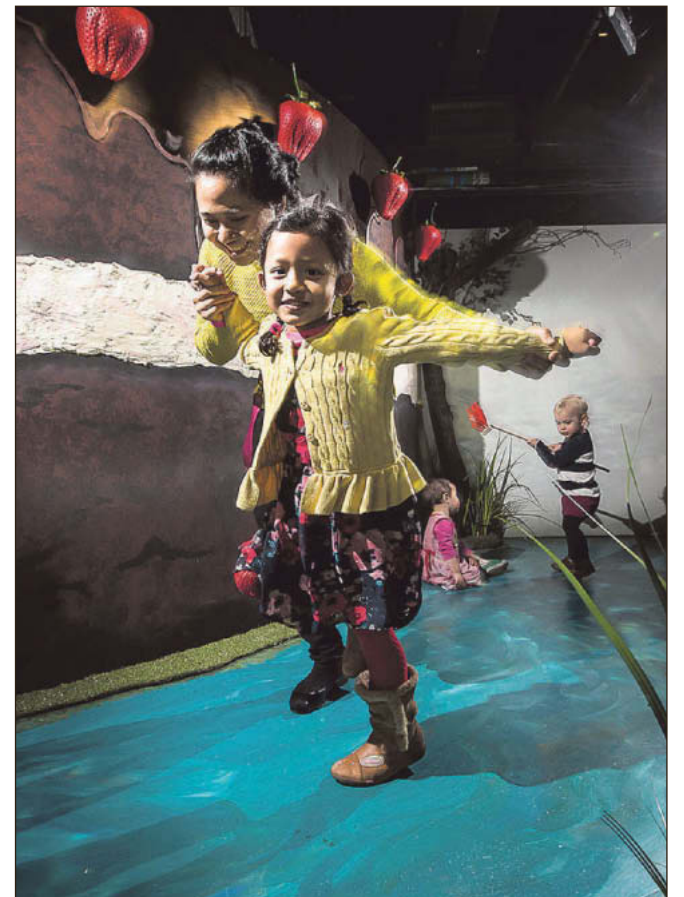
Children will be able to splash through a river, trip through a forest, tiptoe into a bear cave and step inside a massive chocolate cake.

Alongside the exhibition, authors, illustrators and artists will get you drawing, dancing and telling stories.

For full details on events or to book tickets, visit www.discover.org.uk or call 8536 5555.

Discover is at 383-387 High Street, Stratford, E15.

Photo: ANDREW BAKER



KIDS can learn all about the inner workings of their bodies at Centre of the Cell.

On Tuesday, February 16 and Thursday, February 18, the centre hosts In a Heartbeat, a family show all about the human ticker – what it does, how it works and how it pushes so much blood around your system.

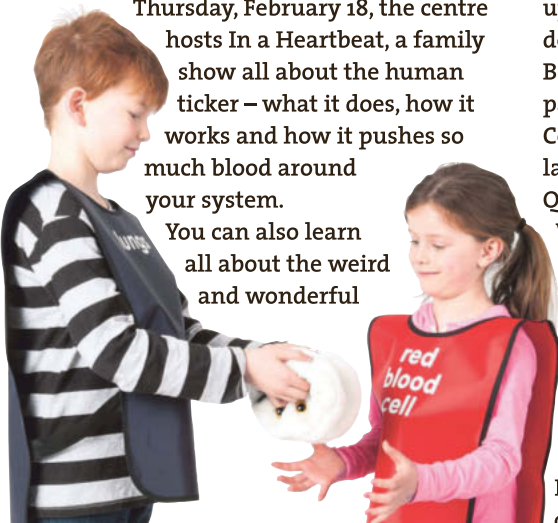
You can also learn all about the weird and wonderful

world of the senses on Wednesday, February 17 and Friday, February 19 in an interactive show, suitable for children aged seven and up, packed with tasty facts and tingly demonstrations.

Both events also include the chance to take part in a 'pod session' inside Centre of the Cell's cell-shaped pod, suspended over the laboratories of the Blizard Institute at Queen Mary University of London's Whitechapel building.

Inside, you can find out about cells, medical research and try virtual experiments, heal virtual burns, and diagnose cancer using high-power microscopes.

You can book tickets by visiting <http://centrefthecell.eventbrite.co.uk> For a full schedule, visit www.centrefthecell.org or call 7882 2562.



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Not hearts 'n' flowers

The Barbican screens films presenting less saccharine aspects of love on Valentine's Day.

BARBICAN.ORG.UK/FILM



A New Home

An exhibition and accompanying workshops by the East London Printmakers studio examine the idea of 'belonging', exploring migration and identity.

[SEE BELOW](#)

Out & about guide

What's on where this week

Cinema

Twisted Valentine

With Valentine's Day approaching, the Barbican hosts a series of films that present the interesting, less saccharine aspects of love. From the queer, dream-like vision of artist Jack Smith in Normal Love, the obsessive nature of desire in Who Killed Teddy Bear, to the torn loyalties of a French love triangle in Jean Eustache's The Mother and the Whore, films are shown in 35mm or 16mm.

Sat, Feb 13-Sun, Feb 14. Various times. Barbican Cinema, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2Y.

0845 120 7527

Barbican.org.uk/film

Dance

The Odyssey

Dance theatre group the Mark Bruce Company performs a dramatic re-telling of Homer's epic poem. Written over 2,000 years ago, the tale follows the journey undertaken by Odysseus after the fall of Troy. Tues, Feb 23-Sat, March 19. 7.30pm. £20/£15.

Wilton's Music Hall, Graces Alley, E1.

7702 2789

www.wiltons.org.uk

Events

Poetry: the Inseparable part of Bengali Life 1960-1980

Revealing the rich heritage of poetry within the Bengali community in east London. The project will also collect the memories of non-Bengali poets. The launch event is an

Flyaway Katie

Katie is all alone and feeling grey. The birds in the picture on her wall look so colourful – if only she could be as bright as them.

Based on the popular children's book by Polly Dunbar, with music by Tom Gray of Gomez, the show is an inspiring flight of fancy about the power of imagination. Join Katie in a show bursting with colour, movement and surprises, with puppets of varying sizes acting out the story. At the end of the performance, children are invited to meet the puppets.

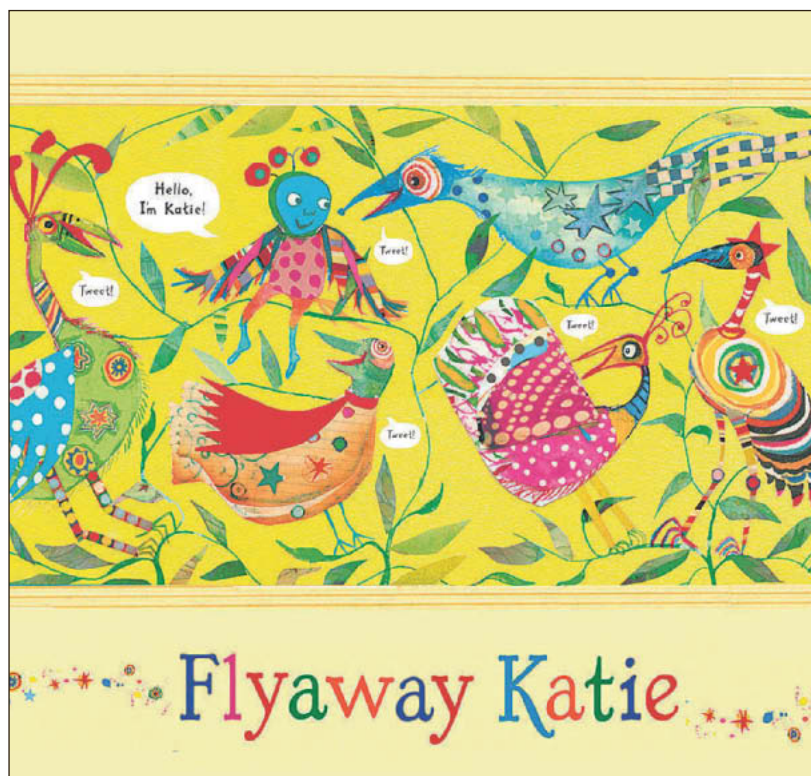
Sat, Feb 13. 11am and 2pm. £6.

For ages 2-7.

Half Moon Young People's Theatre, 43 White Horse Road, E1.

7709 8900

www.halfmoon.org.uk/book/



opportunity to find out more about the project and volunteering opportunities available.

Thurs, Feb 11. 6pm. Free.

Tower Hamlets Local History Library and Archives, 277 Bancroft Road, E1.

www.shanghationalhistoryproject.com

Chinese New Year

Celebrate with traditional and modern instrumental and dance performances. Take part in Chinese opera mask and lantern making and costume and calligraphy workshops. A drop-in for all ages in collaboration with Mothers' Bridge of Love.

Sat, Feb 13. 11.30am-4.30pm. Free.

V&A Museum of Childhood,

Cambridge Heath Road, E2.

8983 5200

www.vam.ac.uk/moc/events/february-half-term-activities/

Chinese New Year at Rich Mix

Kung Hei Fat Choy! Marking the most important festival in Chinese culture, the programme is free and features performances, mouth-watering food and drink, and fun craft workshops for children. Come and celebrate the Year of the Monkey.

Sat, Feb 13. 12-4pm. Free.

Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Road, E1.

7613 7498

www.thchinese.org.uk

2,000 years of firefighting

A musical storytelling session where families are taken on a 2,000-year-long journey meeting heroes that have risked their lives putting out fires in London.

Sat, Feb 13 and Fri, Feb 19. Times vary. Free.

Museum of London, 150 London Wall, EC2Y.

www.museumoflondon.org.uk/london-wall/

Under London: a conversation with Simon Norfolk

Archaeological objects captured by the acclaimed photographer. Simon will explain his personal journey through his photoshoots and

describe how he managed to capture his unique aspects of locations around London.

Advance booking.

Mon, Feb 15. 7-8.30pm. £20.

Museum of London,

150 London Wall, EC2Y.

www.museumoflondon.org.uk/london-wall/

Wildlife arts and crafts in Victoria Park

Have a go at decorating animal masks, bird boxes and other wildlife themed crafts. Suitable for all ages, no need to book, just turn up.

Fri, Feb 19. 10am-12.30pm. Free.

The Hub, Victoria Park, Crown Gate East, Victoria Park, Grove Road, E3.

Romeo and Juliet

There's love in the air as Bubble Club celebrates Valentine's Day with one of the most famous love stories ever told. The fabulous Blanche DuBois will be lip-syncing ballads to bring to life a modern-day version of Shakespeare's classic, performed by the talented StepEast and DNK dancers.

Weds, Feb 17. 7-11pm. £5.

Backyard Bar, Cambridge Heath Road, Bethnal Green, E2.

<http://backyardbar.co.uk/>

Half-term activities

To mark 60 years since the launch of Play-doh, the V&A Museum of Childhood is exploring the squish, squash and squelch of this versatile material. Shape your own adventure in a range of family-friendly activities. All workshops require a parent or carer present. Free, but booking is required.

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Entangled history of TV and film

The Inoperative Community features experimental narrative film and video, addressing ideas of community and the shifting nature of social relations. Until February 14 at Raven Row.

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On yer bike

Spin sessions, a test track, a pop-up velodrome, over 200 exhibitors and much more at The London Bike Show.

WWW.THELONDONBIKESHOW.CO.UK

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What's on where this week

Mon-Fri, Feb 15-19. 11am-4pm. Free.
V&A Museum of Childhood,
Cambridge Heath Road, E2.
8983 5200
www.vam.ac.uk/moc/events/february-half-term-activities/

Exhibitions

The London Bike Show

With more than 200 exhibitor stands, performance training, spin sessions, a test track and a pop-up velodrome. Meet top cyclists and coaches, get your skills assessed and maybe even shop for a new bike. A great day out for cycling fans of all ages. Free for under-eights. Thurs, Feb 11-Sun, Feb 14. Times vary. £15/£9/£3.
Excel London, One Western Gateway, Royal Victoria Dock, E16.
7931 3961
www.thelondonbikeshow.co.uk

The Inoperative Community

Curated by Dan Kidner, this exhibition of experimental narrative film and video addresses ideas of community and the shifting nature of social relations. It draws on work made since 1968 for cinema, television and the gallery, reflecting the overlapping and entangled histories of these sites. Until Sun, Feb 14. Extended gallery opening hours 11am-7pm, Wed-Sun. Raven Row, 56 Artillery Lane, E1.
7377 43009
www.ravenrow.org

A New Home

Mixed-media exhibition showing works by members of the East London Printmakers studio and guest

artists. The theme is 'belonging' and the show explores identity, migration and a sense of home.

There is also a series of workshops to accompany it, including traditional pub games and build a dragon. Until Tues, Feb 23. 12noon-6pm. Free. The Art Pavilion, Mile End Park, Clinton Road, E3.
7364 3115
www.towerhamletsarts.org.uk

Tattoo London

Find out what it means to be a tattoo artist in London in this exhibition of photography, artwork and film. Through a partnership with four prominent studios, the display features contemporary tattoo designs. Until May 8. Free. Museum of London, 150 London Wall, EC2Y.
www.museumoflondon.org.uk/london-wall/whats-on/exhibitions-displays/tattoo-london/

Music

Bengal to Bethnal Green

The first in the 2016 series of concerts featuring singers and musicians from the Grand Union Orchestra, directed by international tabla star Yousuf Ali Khan. The concert celebrates Bengali music and the arts in east London and is based on Bengali songs, both in traditional form and contemporary styles, reflecting the wide variety of music in the East End today. Sun, Feb 14. 3.30-5.30pm. Free. Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Road, E1.
7613 7498
www.richmix.org.uk/whats-on/event/bengal-to-bethnal-green 140216/



Artificial Hip Hop

The world's first music hall star turned hip-hop icon will tread the boards at Wilton's this month.

In her brand-new show, Artificial Hip Hop, Ida Barr will be mashing up Rhianna with Dan Leno, Omi with Noel Coward and Marie Lloyd with Eminem and launching into her rendition of Jerusalem by Will.i.am Blake mashed up with Nicki Minaj.

Barr is the creation of Olivier-award winner Christopher Green, who has graced stages at the National Theatre, Tate Modern and Britain and the Barbican, as well as livening up many a variety and comedy night around the globe. The show runs from Thursday, February 11 until Saturday, February 13, starting at 8pm, with a Saturday matinee at 3pm at Wilton's Music Hall in Graces Alley, E1. Tickets cost £15 stalls, £10 balcony, £8 concessions.

www.wiltons.org.uk/whatson/123-ida-barr-in-artificial-hip-hop

Baby Bank Event



Wednesday 16th March 2016, 1 - 3pm
Venue: The Brady Centre, Main Hall

Baby Bank Exchange Event:

Introducing the launch of an exciting event aimed at families wanting to donate or take home **baby clothing and toys**, this session is designed to promote exchanging rather than buying from new. Take away needed items for **FREE (max 6 items)**, donate (on the day or beforehand) unwanted things to be loved by a new family and help the environment by reducing waste. **No bulky/electrical items.**

Take advantage of this special event, join us for tea and cake and meet our Maternity Mates.

To find out more about this event or to arrange drop-off of a donation, call Laura on 07908 161 495 (we can only accept donations in the week prior to the event).

Local transport routes: D3, 25, 205, 254, Whitechapel Station (District, Hammersmith & City and Overground lines)

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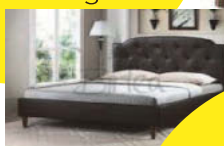
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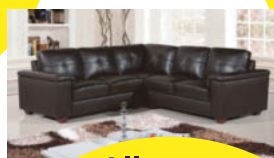
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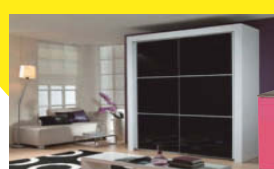


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Any community interest group (as defined in the Act and the Asset of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012 ("the Regulations")) may now make a written request to be treated as a bidder for the Property. Such requests must be made before the end of the interim moratorium period, which expires on 25th February 2016.

If any community interest group makes a written request then a full moratorium period will come into force, expiring on 14th July 2016.

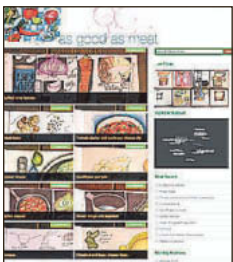
During the moratorium periods the owner may not dispose of the Property other than to a community interest group (unless the intended disposal falls within an exemption identified in the Act or the Regulations).

If no sale to a community interest group is agreed during the applicable moratorium period, then the owner will be free to sell the Property on the open market during a protected period expiring on 14th July 2017.

Any community interest group wishing to be treated as a bidder should contact Gavin Wilson, Interim Head of Asset Management, Development and Renewal, Tower Hamlets Town Hall, 2nd Floor Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London E14 2BG gavin.wilson@towerhamlets.gov.uk

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Penny's picks are As Good As Meat

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Eating out, eating in

Wine tops bill... but the food's good too

BY GORDON BLUE

VINARIUS is an East End gem, smuggled away in the thoroughfare of Roman Road market – blink and you'll miss it.

The contrast was stark as soon as we stepped through the smart double doors and were transported into an oasis that conjures up a respectful hush for the catalogue of quality wines held within.

Vinarius is essentially a damn fine wine merchant, serving good food if you can't wait to try your purchase at home. The food is designed to give the wine first billing, while keeping the theme of quality throughout.

We began with bruschetta, generous in portion and deliciously pungent with garlic and an excellent olive oil.

Our veggie burger was a mixture of roasted vegetables and an earthy goat's cheese in a warmed brioche bun – small, but a joy at the end of a long day.

Everything proved good value for money with few of the dishes breaking the fiver



Vinarius offers wines you'd never normally try in a restaurant because of the mark-up

barrier, allowing the focus on wine to commence in earnest.

An extraordinary deal means that you can choose any bottle from the wine shop and pay £5 corkage to enjoy it with your meal, affording the privilege of choosing wines you'd never normally go for in a restaurant because of the mark-up.

We plumped for a sumptuous Borgomastro Lunarossa, a

velvety smooth red with a touch of smoke and oak.

The decor is simple but calming amid the stresses of London, matching the authority of the staff. The set-up is that of a traditional Italian enoteca, and I feel lucky to have somewhere of this calibre on my doorstep.

Service is knowledgeable and charm personified.

We were even offered a few

other wines to try before we decided, which feels munificent.

Two ate simply and drank gloriously for just over £40. There are wine tastings and supper clubs, and the kitchen will soon be extended to serve substantial feasts. Breakfast and lunch is available too.

■ **Vinarius is at 536 Roman Road, E3. Tel: 3302 0123. www.vinarius.london**

A perfect pie with no pastry in sight

THIS is a lovely warm winter dish that is a real comfort food treat.

All of the parts are cooked separately and then put in the oven together, so it takes a little while to prepare, but not long to bake.

But, make no mistake, it's well worth the effort.

Winter veggie pie – serves 6

Ingredients

4 large potatoes	Knob of butter
2 large leeks	Salt and pepper
1 clove garlic	100g grated Cheddar cheese
12 cavolo nero cabbage leaves	Milk
3 courgettes	1 jelly-style stock tub
6 finely chopped mushrooms	Olive oil

Method

1. Thinly slice the potatoes, preferably using a mandoline slicer to get nice fine slivers.
2. Cook the potatoes in water in a large frying pan until they are just transparent. Set aside to cool, keeping the slices complete.
3. Thinly slice the leeks and wilt them in a frying pan with a little water, a knob of butter and the garlic. Set aside to cool.
4. Thinly shred the cavolo nero, removing the thickest part of the stems. Wilt in a little water in a frying pan, then set aside.
5. Cut the courgettes into coins and gently fry in a little butter until soft. Set aside to cool.
6. Make a white sauce using the milk and stock tub. Add the mushrooms and stir gently as the sauce thickens.
7. Take an ovenproof dish and brush the sides and base with a little oil. Line the base and sides with the potato slices leaving enough spare to cover the top.
8. In three careful layers, add the cavolo nero, courgettes and leeks. Pour over the white sauce, add a top layer of potato slices and sprinkle with cheese.
9. Pop the pie into the oven and cook until the cheese browns.

By Penny Wilson

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Contact a member of our team to find out more or to book a place at our **Assessment Centre on February 16 2016**, at the Employment & Skills Centre, 55 Upper Bank Street, London E14 5GR.

t: 020 7364 0626

e: skills.match@towerhamlets.gov.uk

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MORPETH SECONDARY SCHOOL

Portman Place, E2 0PX

GARDENER (part-time)

NJC Scale 4 £6,034 to £6,612 for flexible 10 hours a week throughout the year
Annual leave entitlement 6 days (42 hours)

We are seeking to appoint an experienced gardener who has proven skills in the maintenance and development of external garden areas for this large secondary school in Bethnal Green. Whilst joining the premises team, the post-holder will be required to work alone for most of the time.

Closing date: Noon on Monday 29 February 2016.

Successful candidates will be required to abide by the school's safeguarding policies and undergo an enhanced DBS check.

For full details and application form, either see the school website www.morpethschool.org.uk, email einglis@morpeth.towerhamlets.sch.uk or phone 020 8981 0921.



MORPETH SECONDARY SCHOOL

Portman Place, E2 0PX

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS

Required to work as part of a team responsible for the supervision of pupils throughout Morpeth School and the sixth form Wessex Wing during the lunchtime break. The ability to form good working relationships with pupils and staff is essential.

Hours: Mon-Fri 12.40-1.40pm, term-time only

Starting salary: Scale 1-2, £169.43 per calendar month

Successful candidates must abide by our Safeguarding Children policy and undergo an enhanced DBS check.

Closing date: Noon on Monday 29 February 2016.

For full details and an application form, either see the school website www.morpethschool.org.uk or email einglis@morpeth.towerhamlets.sch.uk or phone 020 8981 0921. Please note we do NOT accept CVs.



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TEACHING ASSISTANT

1 year temporary contract

31 hours per week (term-time only)

Salary range NJC Scale 2 (11-13) £18,612-£19,335.00 (actual salary will be pro rata)

We are looking for skilled Teaching Assistant to join our successful Learning Support Faculty.

The post would involve supporting the learning of pupils with special needs in mainstream lessons.

We would particularly welcome applications from candidates looking for experience in a school prior to starting a career in teaching. All candidates must possess GCSE (or equivalent) in English and Maths.

The ideal candidate will be reliable, trustworthy, flexible, well organised, and good with time management. They will be keen to learn and proactive in their role. They will be dedicated to the young people they work with and willing to go the extra mile to achieve positive outcomes. We welcome applications from motivated candidates who can work on their own initiative and who have a professional and positive approach to work.

Please download application packs from our school website: www.georgegreens.com

Visits prior to putting in your application are encouraged & welcomed. Please email Kate Garcia (Assistant Headteacher): kgarcia@georgegreens.com

Closing date: Monday 22nd February 2016 @ 9am

George Green's School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We expect all staff, external agencies and volunteers to share this commitment. Any appointment is subject to an enhanced DBS Check.

**100 Manchester Road, Isle of Dogs London E14 3DW
Principal: Ms Jill Baker | Tel: 020-7987 6032 | Fax: 020-7538 2316**

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MIDDAY MEALS SUPERVISOR POST

Monday - Friday (5-7.5 hours)

Pay Scale 1 Point 8 - Pro Rata

Cyril Jackson is a vibrant, split-site, two-form entry primary school close to the heart of Canary Wharf. The Governors, staff and parents are seeking to appoint a Midday Meals Supervisor to support the existing school team in providing a supportive, stimulating environment in which each child is enabled and encouraged to attain the highest standard of achievement possible.

We are looking for someone who:

- ♦ has experience of working with children;
- ♦ is enthusiastic and will participate in playground games;
- ♦ is willing to undertake training;
- ♦ has a sense of humour;
- ♦ is a pro-active, hard-working and supportive team member.

We offer:

- ♦ a diverse community of well-behaved and friendly children, who are motivated to achieve and deserve the best;
- ♦ a dynamic, talented, successful and forward-thinking team of professionals;
- ♦ opportunities for your continuous professional development;
- ♦ an exceptionally well-resourced curriculum.

Cyril Jackson Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will require an enhanced DBS clearance.

An application pack can be downloaded from the school website

Please email your completed application to:
admin@cyriljackson.towerhamlets.sch.uk

**Application closing date – 9:00 am on Monday 22nd February 2016
Interviews – Thursday 25th February 2016**

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Teaching Assistants

Pay £12,000 – £13,000 pro rata

Teaching Assistants required with a high standard of spoken and written English. Experience, grace, initiative and a sense of humour are essential to be a part of this pioneering free school with an interdenominational Christian ethos.

Please download an application pack from our website
www.canarywharfcollege.co.uk

Closing date: 12 noon Wednesday 24th February

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment.

HARBINGER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Cahir Street, London E14 3QP
Tel: 020 7987 1924



FIXED TERM TEACHING ASSISTANT

(Maternity Cover - opportunity of permanent contract)

Scale 3 - Term-time/pro rata 28.75 hours per week

Starting: March 2016

Harbinger is a thriving, inner city, school committed to meeting the individual needs of children through inclusive practice.

We are seeking a teaching assistant to join our dedicated and stable team who:

- has experience of supporting children 1:1 with special needs;
- has experience in managing children's social and emotional well-being;
- can support early literacy development;
- has excellent oral and written English (GCSE grade C+);
- has excellent team skills;
- can contribute effectively to the shared vision of an enthusiastic staff;
- is reliable with an excellent health & attendance record

Application packs can be collected from the school or downloaded from school website: **www.harbingerschool.co.uk**

Please email completed applications to this email address only: **jobs@harbinger.towerhamlets.sch.uk** or submit the application by post.

Closing date for applications:

Friday 19th February 2016 at 12 noon

Interviews will take place during the w/c: 29th February 2016

To start as soon as possible

Harbinger school is committed to equal opportunities and follows the Tower Hamlets equality and diversity policy. Harbinger School is committed to safeguarding children and all candidates will be required to undertake an enhanced criminal record check.



Notice Of Application For Planning Permission

Notice Of Application For Planning Permission Under Article 15 Of The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
The Town And Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)

Date of notice: 08-Feb-2016

In accordance with the above act and related legislation, notice is hereby given that the application forms, plans and other documents submitted in relation to the proposal noted below may be examined at the London Legacy Development Corporation reception Level 10, 1 Stratford Place, Montfichet Road, London E20 1EJ. The reception is open from 09:00 – 17:00 Monday to Friday by appointment only telephone number **020 3288 8820**. The above documents are also available to view and/or download from the Planning Register on the Planning Policy and Decisions Team website <http://planningregister.londonlegacy.co.uk>.

Anyone who wishes to make comments about the application should write to the following address quoting the relevant Application Reference Number: Director of Planning Policy and Decisions Team, London Legacy Development Corporation, Level 10, 1 Stratford Place, Montfichet Road, London E20 1EJ. Alternatively comments can be made by email to: planningenquiries@londonlegacy.co.uk. Comments should be submitted within **21 days** of the date of this notice and should be received by **28-Feb-2016**.

Application Reference No: 15/00516/ADV **Application Site:** Olympic Stadium, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, London **Description of Proposal:** Advertisement consent for 4 no. internally illuminated marquee signs on the compression truss of the north, east, south and west elevations to each measure 3 metres in height and 49.3 metres in width; signage to be illuminated between 09:00-23:00 every day (365 days of the year). **Applicant's name:** West Ham United Football Club Limited **Dated:** 08-Feb-2016; **Authorised by:** Anthony Hollingsworth **On Behalf of:** London Legacy Development Corporation, Planning Policy and Decisions Team.



CAMPUS ASSISTANT, 0.7FTE (ANNUALISED HOURS)

**LIBRARY AND STUDENT SERVICES
LONDON | Ref: 31548 | £18,211***

Library and Student Services provides an integrated, customer focussed library, research, IT, media and learning support service to students and staff of the University. Student achievement and wellbeing is our prime concern.

The post holder will be expected to contribute to the successful implementation of the University blended services model at the campus and whilst located in the Library and Student Services department the post holder subsumes front line work from across a range of Professional Services departments and is responsible for the development and introduction of 'best practice' business processes, systems and performance indicators.

To provide accessible, efficient and effective frontline services and excellent standards of customer care; to maintain the functionality and appearance of the physical learning environment; to contribute to smooth site operations, working to defined service standards to students, staff, visitors, organisations, face to face, online or by telephone.

* Incremental progression up to £20,399 (pro rata) applies, subject to University policy

Informal enquiries should be directed to: Duane Collins, Library and Student Services Supervisor on 01524 590871 or duane.collins@cumbria.ac.uk or Honor Rhodes, Head of Learning Services on 01524 590811 or 07980731954 or honor.rhodes@cumbria.ac.uk

The closing date for this post is Midnight on Sunday 14 February 2016

It is anticipated that interviews for this post will take place on Thursday 18 February 2016

The University of Cumbria would encourage applications, where possible, to be submitted electronically via our e-recruitment system at the following address: <https://cumbriajobs.engageats.co.uk/>

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

The Tower Hamlets (Free Parking Places) (Disabled Persons) (No.1) Order 2015 (Amendment No.8) Order 2016

The Tower Hamlets (A6 Parking Places) (no.1) Order 2015 (Amendment No.1) Order 2016.

The Tower Hamlets (Motorcycle Bays) (No.1) Order 2015 (Amendment No.1) Order 2016

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets on 8th February 2016 made the above-mentioned Orders under the relevant sections of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended by Section 5 of the Local Government Act 1985 and the Traffic Management Act 2004.
2. The general effect of the Orders would be to in:
 - a) To convert a Single Resident Parking space into a Personalised Disabled Bay in:
 - i) **Barnes Street** (Outside no. 14)
 - ii) **Swaton Road** (Outside no.152)
 - b) **Hardinge Street (outside no.17-224 Coburg Dwellings)** – To introduce on Single Yellow Line a Solo Motorcycle Bay;
 - c) **Calvin Street (Outside no.24a)** – To revoke the single Permit Bay and replace with Double Yellow Line.
3. The Regulations, fees and usual exemptions imposed by the governing Traffic Management Orders would apply to the proposals referred to in paragraph 2 above.
4. A copy of each of the proposed Orders and all relevant documents can be inspected, by prior appointment, at the offices of the at the Parking Services Offices, 585-593 Commercial Road, London E10HJ (0207-364 6949), during normal office hours on Monday to Friday inclusive until the expiration of a period of 21 days from the date on which this notice is published.
5. Any person desiring to comment on or object to any of the proposed Orders should send a statement in writing or Email: **parking.development@towerhamlets.gov.uk** of their objection and the grounds thereof, to the above address within the aforementioned period of 21 days.

Dated: 8th February 2016

**SIMON BAXTER
SERVICE HEAD, PUBLIC REALM**



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LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 (1)

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC – REDCHURCH STREET E1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets proposes to make an Order, which will prohibit vehicular traffic from entering the following temporary prohibition:

Location: Redchurch Street for a distance of approximately 20 metres, west, from its junction with Club Row;

Reason: To allow essential works to be carried out on the public highway by Mervyn Lambert Traffic Management;

Alternative Route: For vehicular traffic will be via Redchurch Street (westbound), Boundary Street and Old Nichol Street and vice versa. For local traffic the alternative route for vehicular traffic will be via Chance Street, Old

Nichol Street and Club Row and vice versa or Chance Street, Whitby Street and Club Row and vice versa;

Period: From Monday 22nd February 2016 to Friday 26th February 2016.

Throughout the duration of the works, and at times when the "one way" and "no entry" traffic signs are covered, the existing one way working in Redchurch Street between its junction with Chance Street and its junction with Club Row will be temporarily suspended.

Please refer any queries regarding the above traffic restrictions to David Pryce, Network Coordinator, Clean, Green and Highways on 020 7364 6898 or email pryce@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Dated: 8th February 2016

**SIMON BAXTER
INTERIM SERVICE HEAD
PUBLIC REALM
MULBERRY PLACE
5 CLOVE CRESCENT
LONDON E14 2BG**

**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS
PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE OF DESIGNATION OF AREAS FOR SELECTIVE LICENSING

This notice is published in accordance with section 83 of the Housing Act 2004 (“the Act”) and Regulation 9 of the Licensing and Management of Houses in Multiple Occupation and Other Houses (Miscellaneous Provisions)(England) Regulations 2006. Notice is hereby given that the London Borough of Tower Hamlets in exercise of their powers under section 80 of the Housing Act 2004 gives notice that it has designated for selective licensing the three areas described in paragraph 4.

CITATION, COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION

- 1. The Designation may be cited as the London Borough of Tower Hamlets Council Designation for an Area for Selective Licensing.
- 2. The Designation was made on the 2nd February 2016 and shall come into force on the 1st October 2016.
- 3. The Designation shall cease to have effect on the 1 October 2021 or earlier if the Council revokes the scheme under section 84 of the Act.

AREA TO WHICH THE DESIGNATION APPLIES

- 4. The Designation shall apply to the Council ward areas of Weavers, Whitechapel, Spitalfields and Banglatown (pre 22nd May 2014 ward boundaries) of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets as delineated on the map below.

APPLICATION TO WHICH THE DESIGNATION APPLIES

- 5. The Designation applies any house¹ which is let or occupied under a tenancy or licence within the area described in paragraph 4 unless-
 - a) The house is a House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) and is required to be licensed under Part 2 of the Act²;
 - b) The tenancy or licence of the house has been granted by a registered social landlord³;
 - c) The house is subject to an Interim or Final Management Order under Part 4 of the Act;
 - d) The house is subject to a temporary exemption under section 86 of the Act; or
 - e) The house is occupied under a tenancy or licence which is exempt under section 79(4) the Act or the occupation is of a building or part of a building so exempt as defined in The Selective Licensing of Houses (Specified Exemptions)(England) Order 2006.

THE EFFECT OF THE DESIGNATION

- 6. Subject to sub paragraphs 5 (a) to (e) above every house in the area specified in paragraph 4 that is occupied under a tenancy or licence shall be required to be licensed under section 85 of the Act.
- 7. The London Borough of Tower Hamlets will comply with the notification requirements contained in section 83 of the Act and shall maintain a register of all houses registered under this designation, as required under section 232 of the Act.
- 8. Upon the Designation coming into force, any person who operates a licensable property without a licence, is liable to prosecution under section 95(1) of the Act and upon summary conviction is liable to a maximum fine of up to £20,000. A person who breaches a condition of a licence is liable upon summary conviction to a maximum fine of £5,000. In addition, such a person may be required to repay up to 12 months’ rent if the tenant or the Council, in the case of housing benefit payments, apply to the Residential Property Tribunal under the provisions of section 96 and section 97 of the Housing Act 2004 for a rent repayment order. No notice under section 21 of the Housing Act 1988 may be given in relation to an assured shorthold tenancy of the whole or part of an unlicensed house so long as it remains an unlicensed house.

Any landlord, managing agent or tenant within the designated area of the Borough should seek advice from the Council as to whether their property is affected by the Designation during normal office hours, which are 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

General advice concerning the Designation may be obtained from the Environmental Health and Trading Standards Service at the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, Mulberry Place, Clove Crescent, London, E14 1BY (Tel: 0207 364 5008 and email environmentalhealth@towerhamlets.gov.uk)

The Designation in respect of selective licensing in the Council wards areas of Weavers, Whitechapel, Spitalfields and Banglatown (pre 22nd May 2014 ward boundaries) in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets may be inspected at this address and a copy of the Designation can be obtained from the Council’s website. The Designation was given general approval by the Mayor in Cabinet of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

The Designation falls within a description of designations in relation to which the Secretary of State has given a general approval under section 82 of the Act, namely The Housing Act 2004; Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation and Selective Licensing of Other Residential Accommodation (England) General Approval 2010 which came into force on the 20th March 2010.

A map of the Designated area is below.



¹ For the definition of “house” see sections 79 and 99 of the Act
² Section 55 of the Act defines which Houses in Multiple Occupation are required to be licensed under the Act. See also The Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation (Prescribed Descriptions) (England) Order 2005 (SI 2006/371)
³ Section 79(3) of the Act. For the definition of a Registered Social Landlord see Part 1 of the Housing Act 1996



LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PLEASE NOTE THAT, IN FUTURE, THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS WILL BE PUBLISHING DETAILS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS IN EAST END LIFE AND THE EAST LONDON ADVERTISER ON ALTERNATE WEEKS.

Applications at the following addresses were published in the East London Advertiser on 14th January 2016 and 28th January 2016. The applications may be viewed on the Tower Hamlets web site at <http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/Home.aspx> or ring 020 7364 5009 for details.

APPLICATIONS AFFECTING CONSERVATION AREAS AND LISTED BUILDINGS

Flat 2D, Olivers Wharf, 64 Wapping High Street, London, E1W 2PJ	PA/15/03566 & 03567
6 Medway Mews, London, E3 5BQ	PA/15/03559
Bow Road, KitKat Terrace, w/o Fairfield Road, E3 3AA	PA/15/02485
349 Roman Road, London, E3 5QR	PA/15/03563
Site Bound by Raven Row, Stepney Way Sidney Street, London E1	PA/15/01789
3 The Terrace, Old Ford Road, London, E2 9PH	PA/15/03530 & PA/15/03531
25 Salmon Lane, London, E14 7NA	PA/15/03111
500 Roman Road, London, E3 5LU	PA/15/03558
Molines Wharf, 100 Narrow Street, London	PA/15/03546
290-294 Hackney Road, London	PA/15/03520
74 Commercial Street, London, E1 6LY	PA/15/03547
Flat, 170 Roman Road, London, E2 0RY	PA/15/03331
100 Whitechapel Road, London, E1 1JG	PA/15/03518
Mile End Road, Cleveland Way, opp Flat 41, E1 4JN	PA/15/02476
3-5 Toynbee Street, London, E1 7NE	PA/15/03456
12A Tredegar Road, London, E3 2EH	PA/15/03405
7 Sandys Row, London, E1 7HW	PA/15/03522
43A Commercial Street, London, E1 6BD	PA/15/03516
Flat 523, Lexington Building, Fairfield Road, London, E3 2UF	PA/15/03383
104A Teesdale Street, London, E2 6PU	PA/15/03457
Newcom House, 125 Poplar High Street, London	PA/15/03176
2-12 Cambridge Heath Road, London	PA/15/03424
44 Manchester Grove, London, E14 3BG	PA/15/03551 & PA/15/03556
47 Chapel House Street, London, E14 3AS	PA/16/00115
29-39 Albert Gardens, London, E1 0LH	PA/16/00080
Flat 14, 16 & 18 Tannery House, 6 Deal Street, London, E1 5AG	PA/16/00103
110-112 Brick Lane, London, E1 6RL	PA/16/00107
113-115 Roman Road, London, E2 0QN	PA/16/00012
34-48 Vyner Street, London	PA/15/03296
Bus Shelter, Opposite 6 Mile End Road, E1	PA/15/02635
108 Antill Road, London	PA/16/00087
46 Brick Lane, London E1 6RF	PA/16/00069
67 Strahan Road, London	PA/16/00086
324A Hackney Road, London, E2 7AX	PA/16/00092
44 Palmers Road, London, E2 0TA	PA/16/00111
29-39 Albert Gardens, London, E1 0LH	PA/16/00081
161 Bow Road, London, E3 2SG	PA/15/03282
21 Varden Street, London, E1 2AW	PA/16/00125

MAJOR AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT APPLICATIONS

Site Bound by Raven Row, Stepney Way Sidney Street, London E1	PA/15/01789
100 Whitechapel Road, London, E1 1JG	PA/15/03518
188 Westferry Road, London, E14 3RY	PA/15/03392

APPLICATION WITH ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Site Bound by Raven Row, Stepney Way Sidney Street, London E1	PA/15/01789
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8th February 2016

OWEN WHALLEY
HEAD OF PLANNING & BUILDING CONTROL



LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990, SECTIONS 10, 67 AND 73

APPLICATIONS FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT AND APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT WHICH WOULD IN THE OPINION OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY AFFECT THE CHARACTER OR APPEARANCE OF AN AREA DESIGNATED AS A CONSERVATION AREA OR WOULD AFFECT THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS IS CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS:

St Annes Catholic Church, Underwood Road, London, E1 5AW Take down boundary wall in 2no locations and rebuild due to existing wall is out of plumb (unstable structure).	PA/16/00210
116A Cannon Street Road, London, E1 2LH Repair windows and doors.	PA/16/00182
118A Cannon Street Road, London, E1 2LH Repair windows and doors.	PA/16/00183
122A Cannon Street Road, London, E1 2LH Repair/ replace windows and doors.	PA/16/00186
Pennington Street Warehouse, London, E1W 2BB Temporary use of basement level within eastern part of Pennington Street Warehouse (Area 5) as a restaurant (Use Class A3) for a period of 6 months, including associated temporary internal fixtures.	PA/16/00225
Bridge House, 24-26 Prestons Road, London Reconfiguration of the approved Car park layout on the Listed Building Consent PA/08/01378.	PA/16/00191
529 Roman Road, London, E3 5EL Conversion of disused storage area to 1 x studio flat.	PA/16/00165
72 Arbery Road, London, E3 5DD Ground and first floor side extension.	PA/16/00207
Marlow Workshops, Calvert Avenue, London Installation of a new entrance gate.	PA/16/00137 & 00138
Flat 52, Lion Mills, Hackney Road, London, E2 7ST Installation of Velux cabrio double rooflight (existing Velux rooflight removed and blocked up).	PA/16/00196
104 Columbia Road, London, E2 7QB 1x internally illuminated projecting sign.	PA/16/00099
214B Brick Lane, London, E1 6SA Application to display 1x double sided illuminated projecting sign at first floor level.	PA/16/00157
721-737 Commercial Road, London Change of use of 675 sq.m of commercial floorspace (Use Class A2-A4, B1, D1 and D2) to provide nine residential apartments (Use Class C3) with associated alterations to the ground floor facades.	PA/16/00102
216A Brick Lane, London Advertisement consent for display of 1x double sided illuminated projecting sign.	PA/16/00130
43A Commercial Street, London, E1 6BD Alterations to shopfront and installation of three air conditioning codensers.	PA/15/03515
White Hart Public House, 1 Mile End Road, London, E1 4TP An open weave mesh banner fabric advert upon a temporary scaffold for the duration of the refurbishment works to the building. The commercial advert will be surrounded by a 1:1 image of the host building, creating a shroud upon the temporary scaffold. When a commercial display is not in situ the commercial banner area (in the centre) will also show a 1:1 of the pub.	PA/16/00052
138-140 Whitechapel Road, London, E1 1JE New shopfront and advertisement signs to the existing shop. Part change of use of shop A1 with A5 (ancillary use) takeaway sales < 15% of total sales. Aluminium signtray with 50mm returns in RAL 8017 BROWN MATT powder coat finish. LED overhead trough light on 300mm stand off brackets in RAL 8017 BROWN MATT powder coat finish.	PA/16/00003 & 00002
594 Roman Road, London, E3 5ES Incorporating the ATM fascia with black bezel surround and white internally illuminated lettering 'Free Cash Withdrawals' sign above the ATM fascia. Blue LED halo illumination to ATM surround. Integral illumination and screen to the ATM fascia Internally illuminated Free Cash Withdrawals sign above the ATM fascia Blue LED halo illumination to ATM surround.	PA/16/00123

Phoenix School, 49 Bow Road, London, E3 2AD
Conversion of two existing non-original bin stores into use as Food Technology Classroom with support kitchen area. Includes; removal of existing timber panels and double doors, removal of a non original non load bearing blockwork wall, new vent openings through retained side doors, fittings new external windows and doors within existing structural openings, alterations to the existing drainage to suit kitchen requirements, new internal plasterboard partition wall, new wall, floor and ceiling finishes, new light fittings and extract ventilation.

Site At 14 To 16 Clegg Street 13 To 15 Cinnamon Street
And 125 To 129 Wapping High Stree, Cinnamon Street, London
Partial demolition of the existing buildings and redevelopment of the site for residential use (class C3) and retail use (class A1); hard and soft landscaping, cycle parking and all other works shown on the submitted drawings.

The following are householder applications and in the event of an appeal against a refusal of planning permission, which is to be dealt with on the basis of representations in writing, any representations made about these applications will be sent to the secretary of state, and there will be no further opportunity to comment at appeal stage.

38 Strahan Road, London, E3 5DB
Single Storey Side Extension with Glass Roof.

34 Manchester Grove, London, E14 3BG
Single storey side and rear extensions and loft conversion.

22 Padbury Court, London, E2 7EH
Replacement of the existing windows and door to rear elevation at ground floor, enlargement of two existing windows and additional window to rear elevation at first floor.

Copies of the applications and plans may be inspected between the hours of 9am-1pm, Monday to Friday at the Planning Department, Mulberry Place, Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG. The information will also be available on the Council's web site at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk. If you respond by email, please tell us your postal address.

Any person who wishes to make representations relating to any of these applications should do so, in writing, within a period of 21 days from the date of publication of this notice to the Development Control Manager at the above address.

Dated: 8th February 2016

OWEN WHALLEY
Head of Planning and Building Control



Public notices

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 (1)

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC – WILKES STREET AT ITS JUNCTION WITH FOURNIER STREET E1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets made an Order, which will prohibit vehicular traffic from entering, stopping or proceeding, the following temporary prohibition:

Location: Wilkes Street for a distance of approximately 20 metres, north, from its junction with Fournier Street;

Reason: To allow essential works to be carried out on the public highway by Agility Alliance on behalf of Thames Water;

Alternative Route: For vehicular traffic will be via Wilkes Street, Hanbury Street, Brick Lane, Quaker Street, Wheler Street, Commercial Street and Fournier Street or via Hanbury Street, Commercial Street and Fournier Street;

Period: Wednesday 17th February 2016 to Friday 19th February 2016.

Throughout the duration of the works, and at times when the “one way” and “no entry” traffic signs are covered, the existing one way working in Wilkes Street between its junction with Hanbury Street and its junction with Fournier Street will be temporarily suspended.

Please refer any queries regarding the traffic restriction to David Pryce, Network Coordinator, Transport and Highways on 020 7364 6898 or email david.pryce@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Dated: 8th February 2016

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 (1)

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC – MANCHESTER ROAD E14

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough

of Tower Hamlets, made an Order, which will prohibit pedestrian and vehicular traffic from entering, stopping or proceeding the following temporary prohibition:

Location: Manchester Road for a distance of approximately 50 metres on “The Blue Bridge” between its junction with Coldharbour and its junction with Steward Street;

Reason: To allow essential works to be carried out on the public highway by A1 Traffic Safety Services Limited;

Alternative Route: For vehicular traffic will be via Manchester Road, Marsh Wall, Westferry Road, West India Dock Road, Aspen Way and Prestons Road and vice versa;

Period: On Sunday 21st February 2016 from 10:00 hours until 18:00 hours.

Please refer any queries regarding the above traffic restriction to John Parsons, Network Coordinator, Clean, Green and Highways on 020 7364 6680 or email, john.parsons@towerhamlets.gov.uk

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 (1)

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC – BERCHMANS CLOSE FORMERLY KNOWN AS GOLDING STREET E1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets proposes to make an Order, which will prohibit vehicular traffic from entering, stopping or proceeding the following temporary prohibition:

Location: Berchmans Close for a distance of approximately 50 metres to the northernmost end from its junction with Cable Street;

Reason: To allow essential detailed railway bridge inspection to be carried out on the public highway by Centurion Traffic Management;

Alternative Route: There are no alternative routes for vehicular as it is a dead end street or cul-de-sac;

Period: On Tuesday 1st March 2016 from 22:00 hours until 06:00 hours on Wednesday 2nd March 2016.

Please refer any queries regarding the above traffic restriction to Dave Pryce, Network Coordinator, Network Management Team, Clean, Green and Highways on 020 7364 6898 or email, david.pryce@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Dated: 8th February 2016

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 (1)

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC – LANSBURY GARDENS E14

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, propose to make an Order, which will prohibit vehicular traffic from entering, stopping or proceeding the following temporary prohibition:

Location: Lansbury Gardens for a distance of approximately 20 metres, north, from its junction with Blair Street;

Reason: To allow laying a new water supply to be carried out on the public highway by Agility Alliance on behalf of Thames Water.

Alternative Route: For vehicular traffic will be via Lansbury Gardens, Dee Street, Aberfeldy Street and Blair Street and vice versa;

Period: From Monday 29th February 2015 to Friday 4th March 2016.

Please refer any queries regarding the above traffic restriction to John Parsons, Network Coordinator, Network Management Team on 020 7364 6680 or email, john.parsons@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Dated: 8th February 2016

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 (1)

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC – BOULCOTT STREET E1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets borough of Tower Hamlets, propose to make an Order, which will prohibit vehicular traffic from entering, stopping or proceeding the following temporary prohibition:

Location: Boulcott Street to the southernmost end from its junction with Commercial Road;

Reason: To allow essential crane works to be carried out on the public highway by City Lifting;

Alternative Route: There are no alternative routes for vehicular traffic as it is a cul-de-sac or dead end street.

Period: On the following two Sundays:

- a) Sunday 6th March 2016 from 10:00 hours until 18:00 hours;
- b) Sunday 13th March 2016 from 10:00 hours until 18:00 hours.

Please refer any queries regarding the above traffic restriction to John Parsons, Network Coordinator, Clean, Green and Highways on 020 7364 6680 or email, john.parsons@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Dated: 8th February 2016

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 (1)

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC – MARSH WALL E14

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets proposes to make an Order, which will prohibit vehicular traffic from entering, stopping or proceeding the following temporary prohibition:

Location: Marsh Wall for a distance of approximately 200 metres, west, from its junction with Mast-maker Road;

Reason: To allow crane works to be carried out on the public highway by Select Plant Hire on behalf of O'Halloran & O'Brien Limited;

Alternative Route:For vehicular traffic will be via Heron Quay Longabout, Westferry Road (southbound), East Ferry Road (northbound), Limeharbour and Marsh Wall and vice versa;

Period: On the following two

weekends from 04:00 hours until 20:00 hours:

- a) Saturday 5th March 2016 and Sunday 6th March 2016;
- b) Saturday 12th March 2016 and Sunday 13th March 2016.

Please note for heavy goods vehicles over 40 tonnes, alternative route will be via Westferry Road (northbound), West India Dock Road, Aspen Way, Preston Road Roundabout, Preston Road and Marsh Wall.

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TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC – WOOLMORE STREET E14

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that

the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets made an Order, which will prohibit vehicular traffic from entering, stopping or proceeding in the length of carriageway in Woolmore Street for a distance of approximately 50 metres, west, from its junction with Robin Hood Lane.

The restriction on vehicular traffic will enable the essential works to be carried out on the public highway by Agility Alliance on behalf of Thames Water.

The alternative routes for vehicular traffic will be via Woolmore Street, Bullivant Street, Ashton Street and Robin Hood Lane and vice versa.

The restriction on vehicular traffic will operate from Wednesday 10th February 2016 to Friday 12th February 2016 and at times when temporary traffic signs are placed on the public highway pursuant to the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

Please refer any queries regarding the above traffic restriction to John Parsons, Network Coordinator, Clean, Green and Highways on 020 7364 6898 or email, john.parsons@towerhamlets.gov.uk

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THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO MAKE AN ORDER UNDER SECTION 247 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 CORDING STREET, LONDON E14

The London Borough of Tower Hamlets being satisfied that it is necessary to enable development to be carried out in accordance with Part III of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 ("the Act") hereby gives notice of the proposal to make an Order under section 247 (2A) of the Act (as amended by Section 270 and Schedule 22 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999) to authorise the stopping-up of the section of highway described in the Schedule of this notice.

If made, the Order would only authorise the section of highway described in the Schedule to be stopped-up in order to enable the development described in the Second Schedule to this notice to be carried out in accordance with the planning permission granted by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets on 11th December 2015 under reference no: PA/15/00039 and for no other purpose.

Copies of the draft Order and plan showing the section of highway that is proposed to be stopped-up will be available for inspection between the hours of 09:00 and 17:00 at the Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London E14 2BG for a period of 28 days commencing from the **8th February 2016** quoting reference: 2016_s247_Cording Street_Sophia Stewart.

Any person may object to the making of the proposed Order within the period of 28 days between **8th February 2016** and **7th March 2016** inclusive by stating their reasons in writing to the Council at the address stated above and quoting the above reference.

You are advised that your personal data and correspondence will be passed to the applicant or their agent to enable your objection to be considered. If you do not wish your personal data to be forwarded, please state your reasons when submitting your objection.

Schedule - "Area of Highway to be Stopped Up"

The section of highway from Cording Street at the carriageway to the rear of 160 Chrisp Street, from a point approximately 36m east of the channel line of the junction of Chrisp Street to a point approximately 38m north along the existing carriageway alignment and measured along the back of the footway as shown on the plan attached to the draft Order.

The section of the highway from Cording Street at the carriageway to the rear of 160 Chrisp Street to a point approximately 16m north is to be retained as public highway. The area is approximately 7sqm to the eastern footway adjacent 18a Cording Street shown dotted on the plan attached to the draft Order.

Dated: 8th February 2016

JERRY BELL
STRATEGIC APPLICATIONS TEAM LEADER



LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

MAJOR APPLICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 15(4)) OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 2015 AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT APPLICATIONS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS IS CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS:

Site At 14 To 16 Clegg Street 13 To 15 Cinnamon Street And 125 To 129 Wapping High Street, Cinnamon Street, London **PA/15/03561**

Partial demolition of the existing buildings and redevelopment of the site for residential use (class C3) and retail use (class A1); hard and soft landscaping, cycle parking and all other works shown on the submitted drawings.

Copies of the applications and plans may be inspected between the hours of 9am-1pm, Monday to Friday at the Planning Department, Mulberry Place, Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG. The information will also be available on the Council's web site at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk. If you respond by email, please tell us your postal address.

Any person who wishes to make representations relating to any of these applications should do so, in writing, within a period of 14 days from the date of publication of this notice to the Development Control Manager at the above address.

Dated: 8th February 2016

OWEN WHALLEY
HEAD OF PLANNING & BUILDING CONTROL



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“This has been a great day for the association. I cannot express how happy I am to see the tremendous performances of every member of the team. This truly was an outstanding day.”

SENSEI RAPHAEL VERAS

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John Orwell Sports Centre

Tench Street, Wapping, E1W.
7488 9421

Langdon Park Leisure Centre

35 Byron Street, Poplar, E14
7987 3575

Mile End Park Leisure Centre

190 Burdett Road, E3.
8709 4420

Mile End Park Stadium

Rhodeswell Road, Poplar, E14.
8980 1885

St George's Leisure Centre

221 The Highway, Wapping E1W.
7709 9714

Tiller Leisure Centre

Tiller Road, Isle of Dogs, E14.
7987 5211

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Whitechapel, E1.
7247 7538

York Hall Leisure Centre

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Sport & leisure

Back to netball

Tues, 6pm. £1.10.
John Orwell Sports Centre,
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07958 368070

Football training

Sat, 9-11am boys and girls aged
5-11, Mulberry School for Girls,
Richard Street, E1; 12-1pm boys
and girls aged 3-5. St Patrick's
School, Dundee Street, E1W.
07956 095218

Kool Karate and Fitness Fun

Every Tues & Thurs, 5-6pm.
St James-the-Less Hall, St
James's Avenue, E2.
07934 126510

Netball

Mon night. Parkside Leisure
Centre, Mulberry School,
Commercial Road, E1.
01277 81177



Veras members show off their latest medal haul

Champion club set to challenge best in Europe

BY PETER FAULKNER

VERAS Karate Academy are ready to take on Europe's best after winning nine English titles at the Ponds Forge, Sheffield.

Having dominated the English Karate Championships (kyu grade), the Poplar club is now planning a continental campaign.

Sensei Raphael Veras has lined up a hectic travelling schedule which will see the club challenge fighters in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Poland, Latvia and Turkey.

The academy head coach said: “This has been a great day for the association.

“I cannot express how happy I am to see the tremendous performances of every member of the team. This truly was an outstanding day.”

The team started the day

with a gold medal for Luca Veras in the nine years and under individual kata and ended the day with a bronze for Andras Tamas and Paul Gibson in the men's team kumite.

In between was non-stop action with the team competing in both kata (forms) and kumite (fighting) events throughout the day.

The competition was fierce and the standard high.

Sensei Veras praised his team's sportsmanship, courage and self control even when receiving a few hard knocks.

FULL RESULTS

- Luca Veras – gold in kata and kumite (9 years and under)
- Belle Bautista – bronze in the girls kumite (9 years and under)
- Luan Veras – gold in the boys kumite (10-11 years)
- Liam Veras – silver in the boys kumite (10-11 years)
- Demie Holland – bronze in the

girls kumite (10-11 years)

- Luke Kavanagh – bronze in the boys kata (10-13 years)
 - Harry Elvis – bronze (learning difficulties category)
 - Chloe Casimir – gold in the girls kumite (14-15 years +54kg)
 - Ben Pomeroy – bronze in the boys kumite (14-15 years -57kg)
 - Andras Tamas – gold in the kumite (men -75kg)
 - Donna Blake – silver in kumite and bronze in kata
 - Luca Veras, Jack Walsh and Daniel Gardne – gold in team kata (9 years and under)
 - Luan Veras, Liam Veras and Seyhan Cinar – gold in the team kata (10-13 years)
 - Luan Veras, Liam Veras and Seyhan Cinar – gold in team kumite (10-11 years)
 - Andras Tamas and Paul Gibson – bronze in team kumite (men).
- Veras Academy classes are held at Trussler Hall, Poplar. Visit www.verasacademy.co.uk

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LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 (1)

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC – LANSBURY GARDENS E14

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Location: Lansbury Gardens for a distance of approximately 20 metres, north, from its junction with Blair Street;

Reason: To allow laying of a new water supply to be carried out on the public highway by Agility Al-

liance on behalf of Thames Water;

Alternative Route: For vehicular traffic will be via Lansbury Gardens, Dee Street, Aberfeldy Street and Blair Street and vice versa;

Period: From Monday 29th February 2015 to Friday 4th March 2016.

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Dated: 8th February 2016

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THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 SECTION 247(2A)

Stopping Up of Highways Felix Street, London Order 2016

The London Borough of Tower Hamlets hereby gives notice that it has made an order under Section 247(2A) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 authorising the stopping up of the highway described in the Schedule below.

The Order authorises the stopping up of the highway in order to enable the development described in the Schedule below to be carried out.

The Order and any relevant plans or maps may be inspected free of charge between the hours of 09:00 and 17:00 Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays and public holidays) at the Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London E14 2BG or may be obtained by post from the above address quoting reference 2016_s247_Felix Street_Sophia Stewart

Any person aggrieved by the Order may challenge its validity on the ground that it is not within the powers of the above Act, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act or any regulation made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Order, may apply to the High Court for any of these purposes under Section 287 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 within 6 weeks from **8th February 2016**, being the date on which this notice is first published as required by Section 252 of that Act.

Schedule - The highway to be stopped up

The pedestrian connection between Clare Street and Felix Street measuring approximately 45m x 7-12m shown hatched on the plan attached to the Order

The Development

PA/13/02722 - Demolition of existing building and phased redevelopment of the site, to provide a residential led mixed use development, comprising of the façade retention and extension of the former Duke of Cambridge Public House. Erection of part 7-10 storey building on Clare Street and erection of part 4 to 12 storey building on Hackney Road/Clare Street, all to provide 218 dwellings and 1221 sqm of commercial space falling within use classes A1, A2, A3, A4, B1, D1 and /or D2 plus disabled car parking spaces, cycle parking refuse /recycling facilities and access together with landscaping including public realm, communal and private amenity space.

Dated: 8th February 2016

JERRY BELL
APPLICATIONS TEAM LEADER



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East London's irresistible force

East London HC's ladies' sixth team beat Waltham Forest 23-0. Morag Campbell scored five, Heather Collins and Victoria Judd bagged four apiece, and Sarah Greaves got a hat-trick.

Sport

Boxing

Clean sweep for Welsh wizards

REPTON Boxing Club sent nine youngsters to face the Swansea Premiership Club in Wales – and enjoyed an impressive clean sweep.

This was the first time they had staged a team match against the Welsh outfit and it couldn't have gone better.

All nine fighters won on points with Joseph Inman getting the boxer of the night award and Charlie Hickford, Robin LeCourt and George Smith defeating Welsh champions.

The other wins came from John and Mark Cooper, Karl Quinn, George Harrison and Leo LeCourt.

Capital winners

REPTON club-mates Levi Coates and Shilo Defreitas both won London ABA titles at the Waltham Forest club, without throwing a punch.

As well as their walkover victories, there were wins for Asa Powell, who outpointed Tony Layfield (Edmonton) and Michael Chalk, a points winner over L Cullen (Bodyshots).

Tony Roberts lost against Nigel Pettit (Nemesis).

Knockout opening

BOW coach, manager and promoter Johnny Eames wants to build a new stable of boxers ahead of the opening of the TKO London Gym in Hackney and the reopening of the refurbished TKO Tenerife gym.

Among Eames' past successes are WBU world champions Kevin Lear, Tony Oakey and Graham Earl, and several domestic champions.

If you want to be part of his new team email johnnietko@gmail.com or rio@tko_boxing_gym.com or call 07960 850645.

Hat-trick for Sam

FORMER Repton star **Sammy McNess** made it three wins out of three in the professional ranks when he outpointed the more experienced Duane Green at York Hall over four rounds.

Hamlets hammering revives title hopes

Soccer round-up

FC Hamlets...9 Lakeside...0

WHAT a difference a week makes when you are chasing silverware.

FC Hamlets' Essex Olympian League second division title hopes looked doomed when they were beaten 4-0 away by Essex side Herongate.

When they faced Lakeside at their Hackney ground, the players were told to erase the memory of that defeat and try to restore some pride.

This was some response and now they are joint leaders with Catholic United on 27 points, although the East Londoners have played four more matches while

Great Baddow are third on 26 points with two games in hand.

Hamlets were 5-0 up at half-time, thanks in part to debutant and man-of-the-match Sanogo Abdrama who bagged two goals.

There were also two-goal performances by Ashaan Siddick and Jay Morris. Lawrence With, Miles Best and John Gilroy also chipped in to complete their best performance of the season.

Tower Hamlets FC...3

Southend Manor...0

■ A CHINK of light at last for Essex Senior League side Tower Hamlets FC

who registered a first victory of 2016 on the south Essex coast.

Hamlets dictated the game and were 3-0 ahead before Manor pulled one back. The win followed a 3-1 defeat at Waltham Forest and an unlucky 1-0 setback at home to Stansted.

Tower Hamlets WFC...3

Luton Development...3

ANOTHER hard fought draw at Millwall Park for the Cows, who had to come from behind twice to share the spoils.

Tower Hamlets were stunned by two identical wonder strikes from either wing, both against the run of play. The

first equaliser saw excellent combination play from the two full-backs with Alex Milne crossing for Evelynne Wilson to level the game.

After conceding for a second time, player of the match Holly Boatright neatly chipped the keeper, to take the teams in to half-time level pegging.

In a dramatic second half Alex Milne put the hosts in front for the first time with a clinical penalty.

But, after switching to a more attacking formation, Luton equalised with five minutes to go. In the last act of the game, an effort from a Tower Hamlets corner was cleared off the line.

Goal-hungry East London celebrate joining 100 club

BY PETER FAULKNER

EAST London hockey club's men and women ran riot on the last weekend in January scoring 101 goals between them.

The biggest winners were the ladies' sixth team, who set a club record by beating Waltham Forest 23-0.

Morag Campbell scored five, Heather Collins and Victoria Judd bagged four apiece, and Sarah Greaves got a hat-trick.

The rest came from Cathy Scott (2), Chelsea Gibb (2), Katie Smart, Laura Elliott and Lauren Louse.

As well as banging in the goals, East's teams conceded just 12 in their 15 games, winning 11 and drawing one.

The ladies' seconds hit ten against Old Loughtonians with goals from Kerry Jacks (4), Alexa Kearns (3), Lauren Prior (2) and, Catherine Weber, while the fifth team were 12-0 conquerors of Waltham Forest, with goals coming from Michal Henderson (4), Courtney O'Connor (3), Jenna Mitchell (2), Beth Priestley (2), and Mieke Linssen.

To complete the perfect weekend, the thirds beat Maldon 6-0 and the fourths defeated Old Southendians 9-1, Duni Heinrich getting a hat-trick.

The pick of the men were the fifths, who hammered Redbridge & Ilford 9-0 and the seconds, who put seven unanswered goals past Phoenix, with Ben Howson getting a hat-trick.

The sixth team won 6-1 against Crostyx (Marc Bull scored four), and the seventh team were similarly impressive, beating Upminster 5-1.

East London ladies 1st...0 Bromley & Beckenham 2nd...2

EAST made a good start and Amy Rogers managed to put the ball into the Bromley net, but the goal was disallowed.

Despite great tackles from Ceylan Gomez, high work rate from Tori Barker and captain Stacey Nicholl, and epic pitch-length runs from Karen Allen, East London could not get the breakthrough they needed.

Eilis Quinlan left East short handed for a while after picking up a card. Laura Wilkins in goal kept them in the game



Wapping's Kate Silbermann was on the scoresheet against Old Loughtonians

Photo by IAIN MCAUSLAN

with her saves, but she was eventually beaten twice.

Chelmsford 2nd...0 East London 1st...4

EAST London travelled out to Essex to do battle with bottom-of-the-table Chelmsford and, despite missing key players, ran out comfortable winners.

Henry Emery set them on their way with John Lyness,

Joe Green and Adam Lord completing the scoring.

Wapping 1st...2 Bedford...0

WAPPING played a very defensive style, but it proved to be extremely effective as they enjoyed good amounts of possession.

There were no goals in the first-half and, straight from the restart, Duncan Graves, who looked threatening all game,

broke down the baseline and drew a foul, resulting in a penalty stroke which captain Oliver Cooper put away.

Salveson put Wapping 2-0 up in a match where one of the highlights was a stunning save from Wapping goalkeeper Joe Trickett.

Wapping ladies 1sts...4 Old Loughtonians 2nds...1

WAPPING Ladies maintained their unbeaten run despite wasting several short corners.

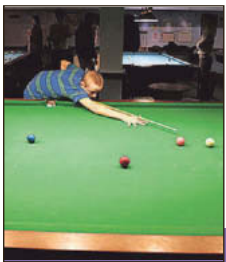
They took the lead through Kate Silbermann, but Old Loughts quickly equalised with a bullet from the top of the D.

An impressive run and strike by Becky Hart set up Silbermann to put Wapping ahead again.

Fran Sutton then skilfully lifted the ball over the goalkeeper for a 3-1 half-time lead.

Old Loughts pushed hard after the break, but Wapping held firm, thanks to solid defensive work, and goalie Karen Perkins.

Towards the end of the game, Wapping regained the upper hand and Lucy Todd added the fourth in one-on-one with the goalie.



Working hard to reach the top

“Adam is progressing all the time and practises up to five times a week. It’s a busy schedule, which he has to fit in with his school work. But the rewards are good if he can make it to the top.”

ADAM STACEY’S DAD, STEPHEN

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Sport

Grafter Adam lines up a shot at the big time

Snooker-loopy teen combines hours of practice with studies

BY PETER FAULKNER

BY day, Adam Stacey is studying hard for his exams at Poplar’s Langdon Park School.

But by night, the talented 15-year-old goes a little bit potty – on the snooker table.

Adam is one of the rising young stars of a sport that has made millionaire superstars out of players like Steve Davis, Stephen Hendry and the late Alex Hurricane Higgins.

And the new kid on the block, who lives in Saltwell Street, Poplar, wants to eventually make his name as a giant of the green baize.

He recently won the annual Kings Cross tournament and had to compete every month last year to become champion.

It’s a tough schedule, but one the youngster is happy to throw himself into in order to give himself a shot at the big time.

“Adam has been playing since he was just five years of age,” said his father, Stephen, who has just recruited coach John Woods to mentor him.

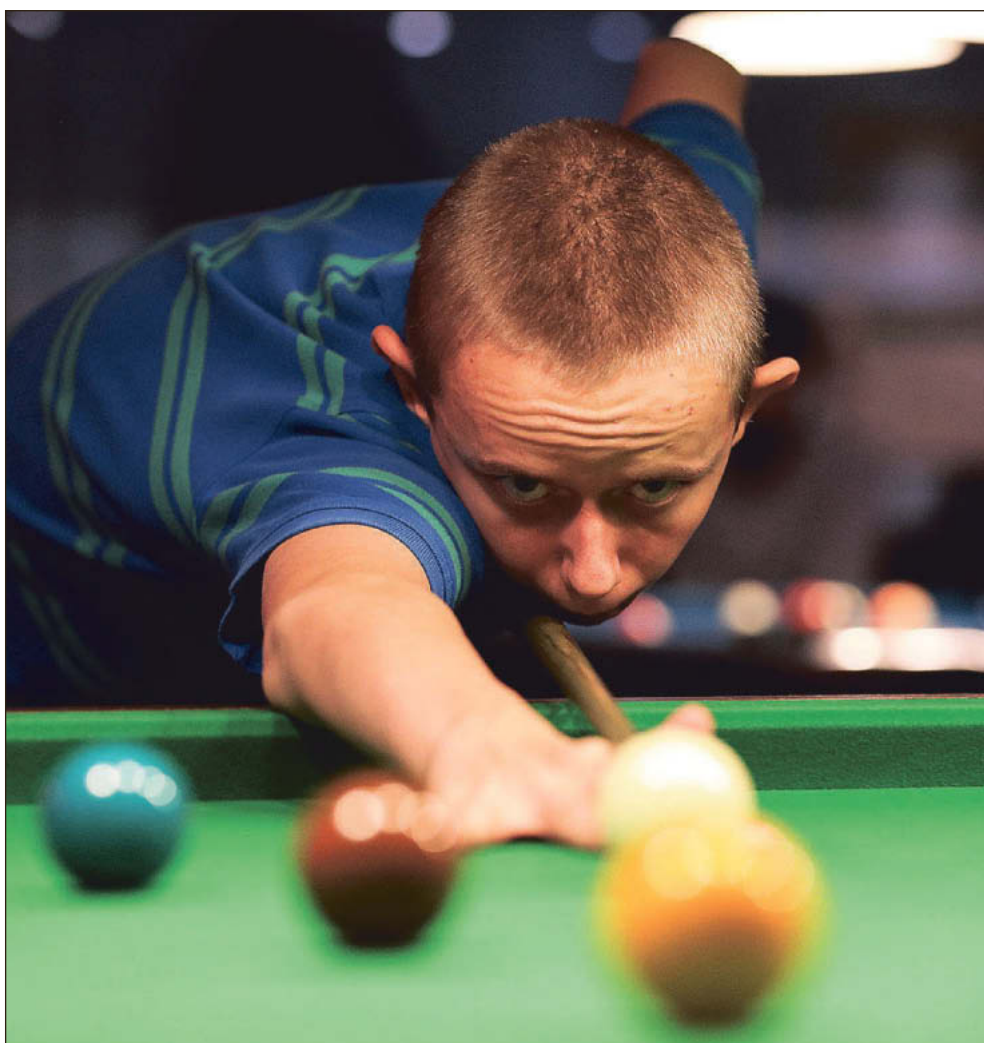
“He is progressing all the time and practises up to five times a week either at Mile End Snooker Club or Kings Cross.

“It’s a busy schedule for him which he has to fit in with all his school work.

“But the rewards are good if he can make it to the top so it is worth making the sacrifice while he is young.”

Now Adam has a busy 2016 schedule that he hopes will lead him to title glory and a place in the coveted Premier League.

He is currently in fourth place on the EASB tour and needs a top-three spot to earn Premier



Adam practising at Mile End Snooker Club

League status. Adam will challenge for a last-16 spot when he competes in the UK under-16 youth championships in Leeds on March 20, where, a couple of years ago, he lost a semi-final on the black ball.

Then in April he will make a challenge for the under-21 UK title in Brighton.

Adam is used to competing against older players and, two weeks ago, came fourth in the under-18 UK championships in Dunstable.

Adam knows there is still a lot of hard work to do to realise his dream.

Dad Stephen said: “The professional circuit is what lures every player, but Adam is still a couple of years away from that yet.”



Sport in brief

Ejay leads the way to top of the table

EJAY Ofomata is fast becoming the darling of Portuguese basketball.

She signed for Portuguese side CAB Madeira in the summer and has now helped steer them to the top of the Portuguese League.

Ofomata, from Ropley Street, Bethnal Green, recently led them to an 88-70 win over GDESSA, to knock their main rivals off the top spot.

She dominated the game throughout, finishing with an outstanding 27 points, five rebounds and two assists.

“It’s such an amazing achievement to be at the top of the league,” Ofomata said.

“It’s not about how you start but how you finish and our goal is to finish stronger than how we began. It is now that the real hard work begins.”

Golf

Rene teeing off in sunnier climes

AMATEUR golfer Rene Hawkins from Victoria Park is heading for Morocco to enjoy an all-expenses-paid trip after qualifying from the UK regional singles final of the 2015 Morocco Matchplay.

Hawkins, a 12-handicapper, secured the final qualifying spot at the Morocco Matchplay southern regional singles final after scoring 36 points at the Manor House Club, Castle Combe, in Wiltshire.

He will now take his place in the grand final, to be played from Wednesday to Saturday, at the Golf de Mogador in Essaouira.

The event is being sponsored by the Moroccan National Tourist Office.

Cycling

Meet the legends of British cycling

ICYCLING legends Sir Chris Hoy and Mark Beaumont will be at The London Bike Show which takes place at the ExCel Centre in London’s Docklands from February 11-14.

Hoy, the record-breaking Olympic gold medallist, and record holder Beaumont will be sharing their stories with cycling enthusiasts.

Find out more at www.thelondonbikeshow.co.uk

Table tennis

Academy launch

TABLE Tennis England and Essex Cricket have launched community table tennis and table cricket clubs at the Chobham Academy in the Olympic Park.

Coaches are provided with the focus on having fun and enjoying both sports.

Open to anyone over 16, the sessions will run from 5-6pm every Wednesday and cost £2.

Volleyball

Double for UEL

THE University of East London’s men’s and women’s volleyball teams handed out a double straight sets defeat to Cambridge at the SportsDock.

First up were the men who recorded comfortable 25-16 scorelines in each of their three sets to register their seventh win of the season.

Not to be outdone, the women were in equally impressive form and won 25-9, 25-22 and 25-9 to retain second place in the league and extend their impressive unbeaten run to six matches.

Basketball

Lions coaching

TOWER Hamlets youngsters who fancy themselves as future basketball stars should get down to the Cooper Box Arena in the Queen Elizabeth Park on Wednesday, February 17.

The London Lions are holding a Camp Day and for £40 you can enjoy almost four hours coaching from some of the British Basketball League club’s star players.

Included in the price are a Lions Calendar, Lions T-shirt and a voucher for two tickets to watch the Lions play.

To register your interest, go to www.londonlionsbasketball.com



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Mercy aims for Rio Olympics

BY PETER FAULKNER

MERCY Brown and Taslima Begum have the Olympic Games in their sights, but one is aiming for Rio this summer and the other is a potential contender for Tokyo in four years' time.

Both travelled to Manchester for the English Weightlifting Championships – Mercy, 19, boasting two previous victories and 16-year-old Taslima enjoying her first senior competition.

Mercy, who holds six records at 75kg and 75kg+, made it a hat-trick of wins, adding to her impressive CV, which also includes three British titles and a European junior crown.

She lifted 96kg in the snatch and 125kg in the clean and jerk for a combined total of 221kg.

Mercy, a sports science stu-

dent at the University of East London who lives near Canary Wharf, now has to wait for her chance to go to Rio.

The athletes to represent Great Britain at the European championships in Norway in April – the one Olympic qualifying event – were due to be named as we went to press.

"At present my chances of getting to Rio are even," said Mercy, who is trained at Crystal Palace by East End legend George Manners.

"But that's what I am aiming for and all I can do is my best in every event and hope that this is enough for me to achieve my dream of representing Britain at the Olympic Games."

Taslima, of Oaklands Weightlifters Club based at Oaklands School, Bethnal Green, competed in the 48kg category.

Starting off with the snatch, Taslima lifted 48kg then 51kg, which went up easily but dropped off behind her, followed by another miss at 53kg.

In the clean and jerk, Taslima solidified her score by completing 61kg and 66kg.

Her silver medal hope then rested on the 71kg, but this was deemed a no-lift due to her elbow touching her knee.

Nonetheless, a total 114kg was enough to secure bronze.

Rich Kite, Taslima's coach and head coach of the Oaklands club, said: "I'm really happy with Taslima's performance."

"We got unlucky with a couple of lifts, but we know Taslima will only improve."

"It's easy to forget how young she is and how short a time she's been in the sport, so it makes it an even more impressive result."



Mercy Brown enhanced her reputation with a third English title

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